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Volunteers serve up Thanksgiving meals

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Mitch Hernandez and his family were part of an army of volunteers who delivered Thanksgiving dinners to hundreds of people last year while his father was in Iraq serving the country.

Todd Hernandez, a member of the 745th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company based at Camp Grayling, last week joined his sons, Mitch and Sean, and his wife, Kellie, as they delivered 20 meals to Grayling residents, carrying on a family tradition taking part in the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving dinner.

"They said they had a blast doing it," Todd said. "It's a good experience."

The Hernandez family delivered 20 of about 300 meals that were taken to senior citizens, people with health problems and employees who could not leave work.

Taking part in the 11th annual Thanksgiving dinner was a gratifying way for Todd to celebrate the holiday in Grayling.

Last year, the troops in the 745th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company were in Iraq. Their day-to-day life included uncovering caches of weapons stored anywhere from urban cities to the desert and defusing improvised explosive devices.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Sean and Mitch Hernandez visit with Pat Wakeley as they deliver Thanksgiving Day meals to her apartment.

Trooper shortage has little impact here

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Houghton Lake post of Michigan State Police, which is responsible for covering Crawford County, is feeling less pain than other areas of state due to budget woes and trooper shortages.

The Houghton Lake post has 15 troopers, down just two troopers from having the ideal staffing levels to cover Roscommon and Crawford Counties, said Lt. Patrick Boyd, the commander the Houghton Lake post.

The Department of State Police is down 300 troopers across the state. Staffing problems will be eased in some areas in the state when 89 State Police graduate recruits hit the field this week. It's the first trooper class since 2001, said Lt. Col. Timothy Yungfer, the State Police deputy director.

"We are 300 troopers down across the state," Yungfer said. "We're stretched very thin."

The shortage has led to problems across the state and raises concerns from the Upper Peninsula to Southwest Michigan.

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CD, book carry on legacy of Fred Bear

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two new projects have been produced by former Fred Bear Archery employees, preserving the legacy of the legendary hunter and Grayling businessman.

A CD called CampFire Stories as Told by Fred Bear was recently released.

The recording of Bear was made at a Saskatchewan Bear Hunting Camp, sitting outside at the fire in May 1976. Bear was on a hunt with friends and employees.

Dick Lattimer, a former sales representative discovered the recording in late 2003, which was just sitting around gathering dust.

The tapes recording includes jokes being told by Bear as well as tales from hunts from across the county, British Columbia and Africa.

"It's 70 minutes of Fred sitting around the campfire telling stories and that's something he did rather well," said Pete Kocefas, a Grayling resident who has a large collection of Fred Bear bows and memorabilia.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Pete Kocefas, standing next to a cardboard cutout of Fred Bear, displays a copy of CampFire Stories as Told by Fred Bear.

City gives Grayling Fish Hatchery grant new life

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Like throwing a food pellet to a hungry trout, Grayling officials are resubmitting a grant application to the state in hopes of giving the Grayling Fish Hatchery building a facelift.

The Grayling City Council on Monday agreed to apply for a grant on behalf of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee.

The committee submitted a grant application to the Michigan Economic Development in September in hopes of netting a \$1.1 million grant to help restore the Grayling Fish Hatchery building and turn it into a nature museum.

Bruce Patrick, the county's environmental monitor, had just heard about the grant, which was earmarked to help low to moderate income communities restore public infrastructure.

Patrick had just days to put the grant together as well as to gather over \$120,000 in pledges from municipalities, groups and business to provide a local match for the project.

Patrick was recently informed that MEDC officials have rejected the grant because it was submitted by the Crawford County

Board of Commissioners. Counties and townships were not eligible for the funds according to grant guidelines, but the City of Grayling can apply for the pool of money.

"The city is glad to do it's part to help restore the fish hatchery," said Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan. "It is truly an asset for the community."

The Fish Hatchery Steering Committee has until mid-December to submit the grant to the state. Patrick has been in close contact with MEDC officials regarding the grant.

"It was discouraging when we didn't get anything in the first-round and we're hoping to tweak the grant a little to make it better in the second-round," Patrick said.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations for local fishermen and created a private hatchery where he hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by logs being floated down the river, but their

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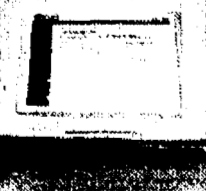


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is work," Todd said. Mitch, a 10th grader at Grayling High School, got some time behind the wheel of the family van as they delivered the meals, and was pleased to have his father by his side this year.

"It was hard when he was gone, and now that he's back, it makes it better," Mitch said. "It feels good delivering meals to people who are less fortunate. It's fun being with my family and doing it."

The community Thanksgiving dinner was started by Skip and Theresa Kaiser 11 years ago at the St. Lutheran Church.

The success of the dinner, which has grown every year, caused the event to be moved to the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Donations for the food are taken from area businesses and residents. Glen's Market donates the turkeys, and Big Boy supplies the pies.

"The community gives us the money," Kaiser said. "It's just marvelous. We're so blessed."

Theresa Kaiser relies on her parents, Sally and Harold "Tike" Golnick, to transport four grocery carts of food and to take telephone reservations for the community meal and meal deliveries.

About 300 people were served

at the Knights of Columbus Hall and a parade of drivers delivered 300 other meals. It takes about 50 volunteers to prepare the food, serve and deliver the meals.

"It's been 11 years and I can't see spending Thanksgiving any other way," Theresa said.

Pat Wakeley received three meals at her apartment to share with her son, Tom, and his nephew, Kenny.

"It's wonderful because I can't get out much," Pat said. "I appreciate it."

Tom Wakeley, who came to Grayling to hunt deer, said his family typically celebrates Thanksgiving with his mother, but could not pull it off this year due to scheduling conflicts.

"It's just been one of those years," Tom said.

Eight meals delivered by the Hernandez family allowed Carol Letts to feed a house full of people last week.

"I get so out of breath and it's hard for me to cook," Letts said.

Margaret Drouillard received a meal at her home as she waited to go to a family gathering.

"I'll keep this for later so I'll have something to snack on tonight," Drouillard said.

Lovells resident Betty Burden, who dined at the Knight of Columbus Hall, praised the volunteers for taking the time out of



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Todd Hernandez, who was in Iraq last year, visits with Hannah Lippard while delivering a Thanksgiving meal to her apartment.

their holiday to serve the community.

"It's a marvelous thing that they do - all the volunteers," Burden said.

Roy Richard, an EMT for Northflight Ambulance Service, delivered meals to staff at Camp Grayling and to senior citizens as he took part in the community

dinner for his third year.

"I just do it because I know that there are people that could go for a meal," Richard said.

Gerry and Bruce Schroeder delivered 12 meals to residents before going out of town to celebrate the holiday with family.

"We like to volunteer when we can," Bruce said.

Trooper shortage has little impact here

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Only two of the new troopers have been assigned to posts in northern Michigan, one to the Petoskey post and other to Cadillac post, which is down six troopers.

In Crawford County, troopers have been serving as the only police officers in the county outside the city of Grayling the last six years after midnight.

Boyd praised Crawford County residents for supporting the law enforcement millage, which will put deputies back on the road next fall.

"Once the deputies come back next October, we're going to be able to work effectively with their department so we might be able to do more innovative things with our patrol cars," Boyd said.

"The millage is going to enhance law enforcement in Crawford County - period."

Having the deputies back on the road may allow Boyd to shift troopers to afternoon and night shifts, when there is the greatest demand for police services.

Boyd said he would be able to do more proactive police work, particularly traffic patrols and covering northern Crawford County, if he had a full complement of troopers.

"Those are things we could do if we were not running to back-to-back calls," Boyd said.

Because of the state budget deficit, Yungfer said no more state police schools are planned, despite an expected loss of about 90 troopers each year. To deal with the personnel shortage,

Yungfer wants to reorganize the training into smaller schools, which would graduate fewer recruits at a time, but on a more consistent basis.

"Eighty-nine troopers hitting the field all at once is a tremendous strain," he said. "They all remain on a one-year probation period and can't work a single-officer patrol for three to five months. A steady stream of 20, 30 or 50 would be good."

Boyd said he supports having the several small schools of recruits running at the same time, a practice used by the FBI.

"It tends to be a better flow of getting people in and out to the field and it better utilizes the training staff," Boyd said. "It takes a huge amount of field support to get one of these recruit schools through."

Yungfer said all parts of the state are affected by the trooper shortage, even those with large local police and sheriff's departments.

"In largely populated areas our main role is freeway patrol, but local agencies need the specialized support," he said.

The State Police provide forensic, investigative and other specialized support services to areas like Detroit and Flint. Yet its decrease in staff has had more of an effect on more rural and less populated areas.

"The decline in trooper numbers has really had a severe impact here," Marquette County Sheriff Michael Lovelace said.

"We lost the road patrol in our county, had 12 deputies laid off due to budget constraints and lost State Police troopers at our area

post, so any reduction in any law enforcement in our county is bad," he said.

Lovelace said that in Marquette County there aren't enough police officers to answer all complaints.

"We've had to give up some of our services," he said. "Patrols can't respond unless there is some immediate danger to harm or kill someone."

Car lockouts and private property accidents are just two things Lovelace said his office doesn't normally respond to any more because of its lack of deputies.

In some cases, Lovelace said, when his staff is performing duties such as transporting prisoners or sitting in on trials, the State Police are left to patrol the entire county.

"That's not something they can do themselves - we've traditionally worked together," Lovelace said.

Lt. Willie Mays, commander of the State Police Bridgman post in southwestern Michigan, said had it not been for the civil unrest in Benton Harbor last summer, his post might not be staffed as well as it is.

"I'm fortunate because I have one of the biggest posts and more manpower than anyone else in this area right now," he said.

The Bridgman post lacked the manpower it needed last year to control the two-day riots in Benton Harbor, and it was because of that incident, Mays said, that more troopers have been assigned to the post.

Before that the station was understaffed, Mays said, a situation which could lead to major

problems.

"It could be a real safety hazard for the troops, because if you don't have any backup, you've got a problem," he said.

Before becoming the commander at the Bridgman post, Mays said he saw the effects of the trooper shortage elsewhere.

"When I was at the Niles post, which is understaffed right now, we had to really prioritize our calls," he said.

Sgt. Michael Herendeen said the quality of officers is just as important as quantity.

"We always get a large number of applicants, but quality is important," the Michigan State Police Troopers Association president said.

When comparing pay and benefits to those of suburban police departments, Herendeen said many quality applicants would rather not join the State Police.

"We need pay comparable to major police departments to attract the high quality individuals," he said. "Our start pay is quite lower."

The starting pay for a trooper is \$32,572.80. A trooper's sixth-year salary tops out at \$55,269 a year, Herendeen said.

"Right now, top pay in Illinois for troopers exceeds \$80,000," he added. "In our own state, major police departments pay \$65,000, and some are more. It's not important that we're paid the highest, but it is important we are competitive to get the cream of the crop."

Jonathan Malavolti from the Capital News Service contributed to this report.

CD, book carry on legacy of Fred Bear

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Kocefas has exclusive rights to distribute the CD in Michigan. The recording is being sold at Kocefas' Frederic business, Sledheads, as well as at Skip's Sportshop, Riverland and the Friends of Hartwick Pines Bookstore.

In February, a book penned by former Fred Bear advertising representative Denny Houghton called "I Remember Papa Bear" will be released. The book will include stories about Fred Bear and Bear Archery, including the tales of the bitter labor strikes at the archery plant which caused rifts between the community and families, Kocefas said.

Kocefas is proud to be promoting the CD and book once it's released because he has a Shrine to Fred Bear at Sledheads to carry on Bear's memory. The collection includes hand

written notes from the hunting legend, belt buckles, lighters, catalogs and comic books.

Kocefas not only maintains the collection for his personal interest in Bear and archery but also for the continued interest that people have in Bear.

"Fred Bear left his mark on the Grayling community 26 years ago when Bear Archery left, but people still come here all the time looking for the Fred Bear museum," Kocefas said.

Bear became interested in archery while working for the Packard Motor Co. in Detroit, and went bow hunting for the first time in 1929 in St. Helen. He started his Bear Archery Co. in a small shop in Detroit, then moved operations to Grayling in 1947.

Bear Archery added to its plant every time Bear returned from a lion, elephant, polar bear or caribou

hunt because of increased demand. The heads and hides of some of the trophy animals were put on display in the Fred Bear Museum. The company attracted attention to Grayling through its advertisements in national publications.

"The effect he had on the community was just amazing," Kocefas said. "He genuinely cared about people and tried getting them involved in archery."

At the height of business, Bear Archery had as many as 600 employees before advances in technology made the construction of bows less labor intensive.

Bear Archery, along with the Fred Bear Museum, moved from Grayling in 1980 to Gainesville, Fla. The business is now part of the North American Archery Group. The museum will soon be located in the Bass Pro store located in Springfield, Mo.

Pies raise funds for Kiwanis Club

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Kiwanis Club has banked on the culinary talents of Jeddy Hood again this fall to help give a slice of pie to the youth in the community.

Kiwanis members made and distributed 60 apple pies as part of its third annual Thanksgiving Day fund-raiser last week.

Hood, the owner of the Flying Fish Lodge, had won an apple pie baking contest held as part of a fall festival when she lived in West Bloomfield. Hood also made several apple pies a week for a family friend who ran a restaurant.

The pie sale was initiated when Hood made an apple pie which was auctioned off at one of the Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings.

"That's the way it started and we've sold more and more every year," Hood said.

Seven Kiwanis Club members gathered to make the pies in the kitchen at the Michelson Memorial Church. The pies consist of Granny Smith Apples, sugar, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, butter and rolled oats, all purchased at the local Glen's Market.

"It's just like the apple pies your grandmother makes," Hood said. "It doesn't have to be complicated. It's simple."



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Jeddy Hood helps Kay Cosgray with the half a dozen apple pies she purchased through the Kiwanis Clubs annual fall pie sale.

Kay Cosgray, business liaison for the Michigan Works office and president of the Crawford County Historical Society, bought a half dozen pies to share with co-workers, family and associates.

"They are the best apple pies

in the world," Cosgray said. "My husband, Bob, won't eat any other apple pies but these."

Al Johnston, president of the Kiwanis Club, said the pie sale brought about \$400 into club's coffers. The funds go toward youth programs such as Toys for

Tots, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and reading programs at the library.

"We have fun and laugh when we get together to make the pies and they're great to have for Thanksgiving," Johnston said.

Animal Shelter raffle tickets stolen

The Board of Directors of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County would like to caution the public regarding a possible attempt for stolen raffle tickets to be sold fraudulently.

On Friday, November 26, five "Driving Into the Future" raffle tickets, along with \$225 cash, was discovered missing and presumed stolen from Northern Tails pet groomers on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

"We're really afraid these tickets may be in the hands of someone who will attempt to sell them while posing as a representative or volunteer of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County," said Cheryl Ruley,

Secretary/Treasurer.

"If so, both the unsuspecting buyer and our nonprofit organization will be robbed of their funds."

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said those who stole the tickets could face felony larceny charges and even more serious charges for fraud if the tickets are sold for their \$100 price, or maybe even less.

"Anyone offering you a 'price break' or discount on one of these tickets is certainly not representing the shelter," Ruley said. "These five tickets are now considered stolen and will not be eligible for the drawing July 24, 2005."

The public should be aware that the tickets stolen were numbered 0056, 0057, 0058, 0059 and 0060. Anyone who has purchased or has been approached to purchase one of these tickets is asked to call the Grayling Police Department at 348-4621 or the Crawford County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

Those interested in buying a ticket for a legitimate chance at winning a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango SLT may do so at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe or the Crawford County Avalanche. Tickets may be purchased by mail or by writing a check or

money order for the appropriate amount of tickets, payable to "Animal Shelter of Crawford County" and mail to P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Include name, address and phone number when requesting tickets.

"We hope this incident doesn't discourage the public from buying a ticket, thus helping us build and operate a new shelter facility," said Ruley. "We know how much the community supports our efforts by showing its support for so many years. The stolen tickets represent \$500 we won't be able to raise now that the tickets are ineligible, but we'll keep a positive attitude all the same."

Slick roads caused I-75 crash

Southbound I-75 was closed for two and 1/2 hours Wednesday after a truck pulling construction equipment lost control on the slick highway.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday to an accident involving a large truck pulling a flat bed trailer hauling a backhoe which rolled onto its side, blocking southbound I-75 just south of County Road 612.

According to a Sheriff's

Department report, the driver, Joseph Skipper, 21, from Lansing, lost control on the slippery road surface.

Skipper and his passenger, Clayton Mason, 44, of Mason, received minor injuries. Both men were wearing seat belts and alcohol was not a factor in the crash. The pair are employed by John R. Howell, Inc., a large electrical contractor based in Diamondale. They were returning from a construction job in

Manistique.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police Gaylord post assisted sheriff's deputies by rerouting traffic off of I-75 onto County Road 612 into Frederic, where vehicles then took Old 27 south into Grayling.

Agencies assisting with the accident include the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, the Frederic Township Fire Department and the Crawford County Road Commission.

Recount set for Township trustee seat

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Canvassers will be holding a recount for a Grayling Township trustee race.

The Board of Canvassers will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday to recount the votes for the November 2 general election Grayling Township trustee race where Republican Dennis Long outpaced Democrat Carolyn DiPonio by 20 votes or by a 1,474 to 1,454 margin.

DiPonio had to pay a \$50 fee for the recount, \$10 per the township's five voting precincts, to have the

Board of Canvassers examine the ballots.

"I thought since it was so close and people were pushing to do it, I just went ahead and asked for the recount," DiPonio said. "I assume it will come out the same."

Long also said he believes he will continue to prevail in the election.

"I have full faith in the local election workers and I would never second-guess their accuracy," Long said. "I think they do a fine job."

Republican Shawn Krayes won the other township trustee position on the board by earning 1,977 votes.

High winds knock down power lines

High winds blew snow covered trees and limbs into power lines Sunday, leaving 5,800 Great Lakes Energy customers without power.

Lineworker crews aided by

dispatchers quickly restored power to nearly all of the customers by 5 p.m. Sunday.

Crews began work after the first reports of outages were received in Kalkaska County just

before 7 a.m.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

When it comes to 2004 election, women ruled

A FUNNY THING happened on the way to a partisan sweep of Michigan statewide offices as Democrats delivered Michigan's 17 electoral votes to Democrat John Kerry in the recent presidential election.

Down at the bottom of the ticket, a couple of Republicans won.

Of the eight statewide offices at stake on four education boards, Democrats won six.

So what happened in the other two? Wasn't this a Democratic year in Michigan?

For the state board of education, how did Republican Nancy Danhof of East Lansing, after years of volunteer activism in state and local school matters, manage to unseat Democrat Herbert Moyer of Monroe County, an eight year elected incumbent with an enviable life-long record in teaching and local school administration, plus a solid record in eight years on the state board?

And how did Republican Melanie

Foster of East Lansing win a seat on the Michigan State University board of trustees, not only defeating runner-up Democrat and union official Phil Thompson of Owosso, but also turning out of office Republican incumbent-by-appointment Randall Pittman, a generous financial donor to MSU, who ran fourth?

In addition, Democrat newcomer Tina Abbott of Detroit won a seat on the Wayne State University board of governors, dumping Republican incumbent Paul Hillegonds, well respected former speaker of the state house representatives.

What was going with Michigan voters last November?

* * *

UP AND DOWN the ballot, Democrats did very well.

Marianne McGuire of Detroit, incumbent, held her seat on the state board of education.

Olivia P. Maynard of Goodrich and S.

Martin Taylor of Grosse Pointe Farms, both incumbents, were returned as University of Michigan regents.

Joel Ferguson, long time incumbent on the MSU board, won again and led his ticket.

Annetta Miller of Huntington Woods, incumbent, was reelected to WSU board, along with Ms. Abbott's win.

So what happened at the polls?

It wasn't the magic of incumbency. If it really were magic, Mr. Moyer, Mr. Pittman and Mr. Hillegonds would have won again.

With two Republican upsets, it wasn't the overriding magic of party. The only two Republican incumbents running to keep their seats both lost, along with one Democratic incumbent, and three newcomers broke through.

It wasn't magic in a name. The Danhof name is well regarded in Republican circles — Nancy Danhof's father in law, Robert Danhof, was chief judge of the Michigan court of appeals

when he retired a few years ago — but this was a Democratic year in Michigan, and name recognition for Ms. Danhof and Ms. Foster can not explain their narrow upset victories, nor Ms. Abbott's win, either.

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THE ONLY COMMON thread seems to be gender. It was a good year to be a female candidate, regardless of party.

Whether Republican or Democrat, every female candidate for the four education boards who had male opponents won the seats.

The two females nominated for the state board of education — Ms. Danhof and Ms. McGuire — won. The two male candidates, one of each party, lost.

At both U of M and MSU, only one female was nominated by the two major parties — incumbent Olivia Maynard at U of M and newcomer Melanie Foster at MSU — and they both won. The Democratic male incumbent at each school also won, the other four male

candidates lost.

At WSU, Democrats nominated two women and both won seats, while the lone female Republican candidate lost along with the male incumbent.

Is gender more important than party loyalty? A case could be made from results of the 2004 election in Michigan.

Of course, the results also could indicate voters merely recognized the superior qualifications and experience of the winners in making their decisions, which is the theory most winners usually will embrace in any election.

If the theory of gender favoritism has merit, Michigan Democrats should be in pretty good shape in 2006, when two female incumbents, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, likely will head the ticket.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

The spirit of Christmas comes to Grayling

To the editor:

As winter comes to Grayling once again, I am proud to have been part of the Uptown Grayling Christmas Walk for the 27th consecutive year. All the preparation that goes into the planning, and the devotion of those who volunteered their time, is well worth the effort, when we see the hundreds of people, who enjoy the trolley,

the visit with Santa at the library, the refreshments, the musicians, carolers and the Reindeer. It was a delight to see the joy of children in the mini-parade and to be reminded of those who served our community throughout the year. It is not only winter that comes to Grayling this time of year, but the spirit of Christmas.

Ernest F. Dawson
Grayling

The Avalanche missed the boat

To the editor:

The Avalanche missed the boat when it came to coverage of the Veterans Day programs in Grayling. You had a very nice article on the Veterans Wall that the GHS is setting up. There was also one photo with caption of the Honor Guard at the American Legion. I believe the Crawford County Veterans deserve more than that. The program at the GHS was outstanding and really showed how the students felt about Veterans. The program at the American Legion, which was organized by VFW Post 3736, had a standing room

only crowd. In addition to the Camp Grayling Honor Guard, students from the GHS band played The National Anthem and TAPs along with other appropriate songs. At both GHS and the Legion there was a special ceremony to honor POW-MIAs. I attended both programs and felt honored as a Veteran. TV 7 had more and better coverage than our own local newspaper. Hopefully, you will do better next year.

Clifford Wolfe
Retired Veteran and
VFW Life Member
Grayling

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WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Investigating the Oil for Food Program

Following the end of the Gulf War in 1991, the United Nations imposed arms and economic sanctions on Iraq to prevent Saddam Hussein from rebuilding Iraq's conventional forces and developing weapons of mass destruction.

After Iraq claimed the sanctions made it unable to pay for its food needs, the United Nations authorized the sale of Iraqi oil to pay for humanitarian goods. Saddam Hussein, however, refused to participate in U.N. - arranged oil sales as infringing on Iraqi sovereignty.

In 1996, after years of a mounting humanitarian crisis in Iraq due to inadequate food and medical supplies, the United Nations, with the support of the United States and other Security Council members, established the Oil for Food program as a way to continue the economic sanctions while alleviating the suffering of the Iraqi people.

The Oil for Food program allowed Iraqi oil to be sold and the proceeds used to buy humanitarian supplies, such as food and medicine. It also allowed Iraq to choose which companies would buy Iraqi oil and sell permitted goods under the program. The Oil

for Food program became the largest humanitarian relief effort ever managed by the United Nations, involving more than \$60 billion over seven years.

For years Saddam Hussein tried to get around the U.N. sanctions because the sanctions were meeting their objective of preventing Iraq from re-arming and developing weapons of mass destruction. This fall, the former deputy chief weapons inspector in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, issued a report stating that Saddam Hussein succeeded in ending the sanctions, he likely would have resumed re-arming Iraq with potentially dangerous results.

While the U.N. sanctions succeeded in preventing Saddam from re-arming Iraq, the success was marred by corruption and abusive practices in the Oil for Food program and the other illicit trade schemes devised by Saddam Hussein.

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, on which I serve as the senior Democrat, is investigating this misconduct and recently held our first hearing on this subject.

The Oil for Food program allowed Saddam to pick the win-

ners of the contracts issued under the program. He misused this contracting authority to curry favor in other countries. In addition, Saddam obtained kickbacks from both oil sales and humanitarian contracts to the tune of at least \$1.7 billion.

However, these abuses of the Oil for Food program provided only about 15 percent of Iraq's total illicit income. According to the Duelfer Report, nearly 75 percent of Iraq's illicit income during the sanctions period was generated through oil sales to Iraq's neighbors. These sales circumvented the sanctions because the proceeds went to the Iraqi government instead of into bank accounts controlled by the U.N. for food, medicines and other humanitarian purposes.

These oil sales began in 1991 and continued over the next 12 years and, again, were in clear violation of U.N. sanctions. Iraqi oil sales to its neighbors, mainly Jordan, Turkey and Syria, were used to purchase just about anything Iraq wanted in those countries, including military arms. This illegal oil trade provided Saddam with at least \$8 billion in illicit income — four times more

than the Oil for Food abuses.

Iraq's ongoing oil sales to its neighbors were no secret. The United States and the other nations in the United Nations knew of them and deliberately let the trade continue, presumably to maintain support of Iraq's neighboring countries for the sanctions and to attain other foreign policy objectives.

In 1994, Congress barred U.S. foreign aid to any country violating the Iraqi sanctions unless the President issued a waiver, but both the Clinton and Bush administrations issued waivers year after year to allow Jordan and Turkey to keep getting U.S. foreign aid despite their sending billions to Saddam. The United States also failed to take any meaningful action to stop Syria's illegal trade with Iraq.

Both the United Nations and the United States failed to stop Saddam Hussein from misusing the Oil for Food program for his own corrupt purposes because of shortcomings in oversight. We need to understand both Saddam's actions and the U.S. and U.N. oversight shortcomings in order to protect future U.N. sanctions programs from abuses.

Natural gas safety tips

Natural gas is one of the most widely used sources of energy in the United States, and one of the safest — as long as it is used with care and common sense. As the weather gets cooler and families begin turning on their furnaces, MichCon, a subsidiary of DTE Energy, reminds customers to play it safe around natural gas.

Gas leaks and carbon monoxide poisoning can occur if gas-burning appliances are not properly used or maintained. Natural gas is odorless. However, MichCon adds a distinctive, rotten egg smell to gas which makes it easy to detect a leak.

If you smell gas:
If you smell an odor similar to rotten eggs, leave the building immediately. Go to a location where you no longer smell gas and immediately call MichCon at (800)947-5000, or your natural gas provider.

Do not smoke or light matches. Avoid use of any open flame. Do not turn lights or other electrical switches on or off; do

not ring doorbells or operate garage door openers.

Do not use any phone — including cellular phones.

Do not try to locate the source of the gas leak.

Do not re-enter the building or return to the area until MichCon or your natural gas provider tells you it is safe to do so.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced during combustion of fuels such as natural gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal. If fuel-burning appliances, such as furnaces or gas stoves, are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is not dangerous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result, starving the body of oxygen. You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide — but at high levels, carbon monoxide can be deadly.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the common cold or flu. They include headache, nau-

sea, vomiting, dizziness, shortness of breath, and fatigue. Aside from the physical symptoms, there are other warning signs that CO may be present. If the flame on natural gas appliances is yellow and creating soot, it's a sign that the fuel isn't burning completely.

If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, immediately open doors and windows and get out of the house and into the fresh air. Call MichCon at (800)947-5000 or your natural gas provider. You can also call a local heating contractor for an emergency inspection (although a fee may apply). If necessary, seek medical attention.

MichCon recommends some simple precautions to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning:

Install a carbon monoxide detector near your sleeping quarters. Additional detectors are recommended when there are multiple furnaces or when bedrooms are in different areas of the home.

Make sure gas appliances are properly installed, vented and maintained.

Have a professional maintenance check of your furnace and other fuel-burning appliances annually.

Make sure flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition and clear of debris.

Never sleep in a room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

Never use a gas range or oven to heat your home.

Never operate a vehicle, lawn mower or grill in a closed garage; never use an outdoor grill inside the home.

Nerve operate a generator inside your home, garage or other enclosed building.

Don't ignore the physical symptoms, particularly if more than one person in the household is experiencing them.

Additional safety information is available from DTE Energy by visiting www.mydteenergy.com/home

BRIEFS

Lioness Club is recycling toner cartridges

The Grayling Lioness Club is collecting and recycling ink jet and laser toner cartridges. You can dispose of your cartridge at the following businesses: CML, Grayling Township, C.F. Fick (4 Mile Rd.), Senior Center, Huntington Bank, City Hall, Glen's Market, Holiday Inn, Cornell Insurance/Realty, Hometown Furniture, Dr. Kerle, Remax, Northpedics, ACE Hardware, Copy Shop, DXR Computers, Grayling Pharmacy, Mt. Hope Church, St. Francis Church, Michelson Memorial Church, Family Practice, Ford Garage, Days Inn, Scheer Motors, Lange Vending, Comfort Center and Grayling Lioness Club.

Great Start Play Group open for families

The Great Start Play Group for families with children age 0 - 5 meets weekly on Fridays, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the AuSable Primary School (cancelled when school is closed). Free fun learning activities and snack provided. Call Michelle at COOR ISD 989-275-9537 for more information.

Help center accepting sign-up for Christmas

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is accepting sign-up for their "Help at Christmas" program. Beginning December 13 the center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Adopt-A-Family program is available. Senior citizens are welcome.

GHS holds financial aid night

The Grayling High School will hold a financial aid night on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m., in the GHS Media Center. Presenter Christin Horndt from the Financial Aid Office of Kirtland Community College will cover State and Federal programs, scholarships, FAESA, eligibility, local scholarships, Michigan Merit Award and T.I.P.

Grayling Eagles to hold Burger Bash

The Grayling Eagles Burger Bash will be held on Saturday, December 4, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Burgers \$2, cheeseburgers \$2.25, french fries \$1, onion rings \$2, or wing dings with fries \$3.75. Dine in or carry out, 348-5287, Public welcome.

Grayling bands to hold holiday concert

The Grayling Viking Bands will be providing for the community their annual Holiday Concert, Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 7:00 pm, at the Grayling High School Auditorium. The Seventh Grade Band, Eighth Grade Band, High School Band and High School Jazz Band will perform. The concert is open to the public, admission is free.

Pet photos with Santa available

Pet photos with Santa will be held Saturday, December 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Twp. Hall on Old 27 in Waters. Children are welcome. Pet related items will also be on sale, including board games, calendars, cookbooks, holiday bandannas and gift baskets. All proceeds to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. No appointment necessary.

Clinic collects clothing for children

During the month of December, Toupin Chiropractic Clinic will be collecting new hats, gloves and socks for kids. All items collected will be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Toupin Chiropractic will also be collecting monetary donations for Heifer International which helps feed needy families all over the world.

The Blues Creators to perform in Grayling

The Blues Creators from Saginaw, voted the Best Blues Band in the tri-cities area for two years in a row, will be performing at The Ole Barn of Grayling on Saturday, December 4, at 9 p.m.

Amicare to hold bake sale

Mercy Amicare will be having a bake sale on December 4, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., during the Roscommon Christmas in the Village, at Katz Cleaning Service (next to Ace Hardware on Lake Street). Proceeds will go to benefit the Mercy Amicare Hospice Program.

Steering committee to be formed for Upper Manistee

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded a Clean Water Act Section 319 planning and implementation grant for the Upper Manistee River Watershed Protection Project. Project partners include Headwaters Land Conservancy, Conservation Resource Alliance, the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee, and the Kalkaska Conservation District.

The purpose of the project is to: 1) promote land protection opportunities within the watershed, 2) address riparian stewardship practices including vegetative buffers, septic maintenance, lawn-care practices, and water quality protection, as well as 3) update the Upper Manistee River Watershed Management Plan to meet

new funding requirements.

A steering committee of local individuals, agencies and governmental units to provide guidance on local water quality issues is now being formed. The steering committee will serve to help evaluate the current plan, make appropriate changes, and refine the watershed goals to be reflective of the Upper Manistee River Watershed.

Those interested in the project or becoming part of the steering committee are invited to the first meeting at 2 p.m. on December 9. The meeting will be held at 605 North Birch Street (the County Government office complex) in Kalkaska.

For more information or for directions to the meeting, contact Huron Pines RC&D at 348-9319.

DTE Energy tree planting program grants now available

DTE Energy, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, announces that applications are again available for their tree planting grant program. DTE Energy is providing funds for tree planting grants that are administered by the MDNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The purpose of this program is to increase the number and variety of properly planted trees in communities and maintain those trees in good condition and health. The USDA Forest Service has commended DTE Energy and the MDNR for the creative partnership and leadership of their tree planting efforts. This program also reflects DTE Energy's ongoing commitment to assisting communities with the replacement of ash trees lost due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Trees improve environmental quality and quality of life in the urban, suburban, and rural communities. A key benefit that trees provide is carbon sequestration. Through photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water (using sunlight), into glucose (sugar) and oxygen. Planting trees helps to reduce carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warm-

ing. DTE Energy is funding the grant program as part of its voluntary participation in the US Department of Energy's Global Climate Challenge Program.

Eligible applicants include local units of government, non-profit organizations, and schools within the service territory of DTE Energy's utility subsidiary companies: Detroit Edison and MichCon Gas. Eligible projects include tree planting activities on public lands such as park, right-of-way, nature study area, and school grounds plantings.

Matching grants of up to \$3,000 each are awarded on a competitive basis. All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent, which can be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include Federal or State of Michigan funds.

Grant applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2004, in order to be given funding consideration. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2005.

For more information or a grant application, visit our website at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> or contact Kevin Sayers at 517-241-4632, sayersk@michigan.gov

Church seeking Catholic Native Americans in northern Michigan

James Maddix, an Elder with the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians, is at the request of Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, looking for Catholic Native Americans living within the 21 counties of the Diocese of Gaylord.

Realizing that the number of Native Americans in the area has been on the increase, Bishop Cooney said, "With Jim's help, we are trying to identify the Native Americans living within our diocese, so that we can plan and develop programs to serve this important population of faithful."

Maddix, an Elder with Unit 3 in St. Ignace and a member of St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord, has agreed to assist in gathering and compiling the data received from local Catholic Native Americans. "It would be great if we could have a Native American contact in each of the parishes," Maddix said. "I feel that we can combine our Catholic faith and Native beliefs

at the diocesan level, much the same as we already do at St. Isaac Jogues in Sault Ste Marie and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Suttons Bay."

If you are a Catholic Native American who lives in the 21-counties that make up the northern half of the lower peninsula, please contact James Maddix, c/o Diocese of Gaylord, 611 W. North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735 or by phone at 231-585-7599. All information gathered will be used for the purpose stated above only.

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The Bible Speaks

Whose Moral Values?

Moral values always owe their existence to some moral authority. Our nation was founded by pilgrims that acknowledged God as the source, support, and end of their endeavors. As Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship."

Our first president George Washington reminded us that God gave us the eternal rules of order and right which reveal God's will and blessings to us. He said, "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." Washington did not consider America the only nation with a moral obligation to know and serve Almighty God. "It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors." George Washington

The moral questions regarding

family life as the basic unit of society did not just arise because of modern abortion, suicide, euthanasia, gay marriage and other moral perversions. John Adams wrote "The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families. ... How is it possible that Children can have any just Sense of the sacred Obligations of Morality or Religion if, from their earliest Infancy, they learn their Mothers live in habitual Infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant Infidelity to their Mothers?" President James Wilson reminded us of another important principle in marriage, "The most important consequence of marriage is, that the husband and the wife become in law only one person... Upon this principle of union, almost all the other legal consequences of marriage depend."

John Adams also wrote about our sacred right to personal property in America. "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If "Thou shalt not covet" and "Thou shalt not steal" were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in

every society before it can be civilized or made free." Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 53 complaints the week of November 22 - November 28: Thirteen traffic accidents, three accidents-non-traffic, one traffic violation, six civil matter/family disputes, one missing persons, one lost and found property, one suspicious situation, 12 general non-criminal, one false alarm, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasions, four larcenies, six public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, one miscellaneous criminal offense and three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of November 21-28:

Four traffic accidents, two misdemeanor arrests, two private property damage accidents, one motorist assist, three larceny complaints, three felony arrests, one assault, one salvage inspection, one OUIL, one misdemeanor citation, one juvenile complaint;

Two civil complaints, one traffic warning, three assist other departments, one alarm, two civil complaints, two city ordinance violations, one civil infraction, one suspicious behavior complaint and two unclassified complaints.

HONORS

Central Michigan University Danielle M. McClain, of Grayling, was among 1,800 students from Central Michigan University to graduate in August.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

OBITUARIES

Richard F. Bittner

Apr. 7, 1928 - Nov. 23, 2004
Richard (Dick) Bittner, 76, of Grayling, passed away on November 23, 2004 at his home.

Richard was born in Marquette on April 7, 1928 to Edward and Parmelia (Bora) Bittner. He was raised and educated in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. He married Martha Volzer on May 24, 1952 in Canton, Ohio.

From 1956 to 1977, he was employed as a conservation officer for the state of New Hampshire. He later was employed as a commercial fly tyer and woodworker. During his earlier years he worked on the family farm, Springbrook Farm, in Westmoreland.

He was a longtime resident of Westmoreland, moving to Grayling with his wife following retirement. Mr. Bittner was a communicant of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. He was an ardent outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years; three sons: Donald Bittner of Elbert, Colorado, Stephen Bittner of Keene, New Hampshire, and Joseph Bittner of Strafford, Vermont; five daughters: Linda Bittner Taylor of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, Patricia Bosworth and Rebecca Cleveland, both of Westmoreland, New Hampshire, Theresa Hampton of Grayling and Virginia Irish of Brattleboro; one brother, John Bittner of Springfield, Vermont; three sisters: Sr. Ruth of Rochester, New York, Louise Renaud of Brattleboro and Jane Fountain of Sprakers, New York; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Bittner and two sisters, Sr. Mary Paulita and Dorothy Renaud.

A Catholic Prayer Service was held on December 1, 2004 at Atamaniuk Funeral Home, Brattleboro. Burial was at Saint Michael's Parish Cemetery, Brattleboro.

Memorial contributions can be made to the A.L.S. Association, Northern New England Chapter, 1 Main Street, Suite #13, Winooski Mill, VT 05404 or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Atamaniuk Funeral Home, Brattleboro. Sorenson's Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Lawrence M. Corrigan

Apr. 28, 1914 - Nov. 26, 2004
Lawrence M. Corrigan, 90, of Grayling, passed away on November 26, 2004, at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Lawrence was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 28, 1914 to Lawrence Michael Sr. and Winifred (Gavin) Corrigan. He married the former Sarah Seifkin.

Mr. Corrigan served as a special agent in the FBI and also as the Agent In Charge while stationed in Austin, Texas. After his retirement from the FBI, he worked as Director of Industrial Relations for Ford Motor Company and for American Motors. He moved to Grayling in 1978.

In 1996, he was inducted into the Illinois College Sports Hall of Fame for his swimming career.

Mr. Corrigan was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling and the Ex-FBI Agents Association.

He is survived by four children: Barbara (Richard) Brigham of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Michael (Ingrid) Corrigan of Inverness, Illinois, Margaret (Kurt) Nutall of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and James Corrigan of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; one sister, Winifred Corrigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah in June 1996, and by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

In memory of

Adrian J. Budnick
8/17/25 - 12/01/96

My heart still bleeds, tears still fall, I miss you always. I struggle with pain, my mind still remembers, flashes of the past come and go.

I remember back in the days when I would come and visit you, keeping you company because I had nothing else to do. I miss how you used to tell me how you were when you were growing up and how hard it was. I miss spending time with you Grandma.

I know you tried to make it through but it was too strong for you so you went home where you belong and that's with God. You are in heaven with your angel son and friends playing high in the sky.

The time has come now to listen to the heaven bells. I miss you and love you always Grandma. You will never be replaced.

Dearly loved and missed
Deanna MacIntyre and family

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period December 2 - 7, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. 697 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: December 2 - 4 and 6 - 7.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 7 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Grayling Promotional Association elected officers for 2005 pictured (L to R): Linda Northrup, Carole Herdrich, Carolyn DiPonio and Jeddy Hood. Not pictured Linda Searles.

GPA elects new officers

New officers to guide the GPA through the 2005 year were elected at the group's November 9 meeting. Jeddy Hood will be the new president, Carolyn DiPonio, president-elect. Carole Herdrich will serve a second term as secretary and Linda Northrup will serve as substitute secretary in case of Carole's absence. The new treasurer will be Linda Searles. Outgoing officers are Betty Bennett,

President; Jeddy Hood, Vice President; and Andrea Nygard, Treasurer.

Final activities for GPA in 2004 will be Breakfast with Santa on December 5 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

GPA's sponsorship of the Cultural Events program is an ongoing project that is partially financed through the sale of the Shop Grayling First discount

cards.

GPA raised upwards of \$10,000 to help with the program, augmented by grants made available by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the help of area businesses and corporations.

Other activities sponsored by GPA throughout the year are: Pictionary, the Shop Grayling First discount card, flower planting and street banners, support

of the AuSable River Festival Parade, the "Junque in Your Trunk" sale, the Arts & Crafts show, Christmas Walk carolling and luminaries and more.

If you are interested in promoting Grayling and working with a group of active hardworking members, GPA meets for lunch every Tuesday at Patti's Towne house. For more information call Betty Bennett at 348-9246.

Merchants expect stronger holiday sales

by Amy Davis

Capital News Service

LANSING -- "Black Friday," as the day after Thanksgiving is known in the retail industry, is a day for consumers to join the masses and get an early start on holiday shopping.

But more and more shoppers are avoiding the stress of crowded malls and checkout lines at local malls this holiday season.

Most state retailers are expecting a bumper crop of shoppers this holiday season, according to the Michigan Retailers Association. Sixty-three percent of the retailers surveyed said they expect better holiday sales than last year. Only 6 percent said they expect lower sales.

And it isn't just the "brick-and-mortar" merchants anticipating a profitable holiday season. A survey of online merchants by shop.org found that online merchants expect a windfall as well. The retail trend-tracking organization reports online shoppers plan to use the Internet 89 percent more than last holiday season to comparison shop.

But don't tear down the local malls yet: Shoppers still need the malls and the Internet, often using both to make informed purchases.

Scott Klugman, a public relations officer with shop.org, said the Internet's growing popularity won't replace the traditional holiday shopping rushes.

"It's another shopping channel like shopping in a catalogue, but it's never going to take over traditional retail," Klugman said.

The Internet, he said, works hand-in-hand with traditional retailers.

That gives consumers new options such as being able to

pick up or return online buys at the local retail store. That leaves some shoppers to hunt online for auction sites and major department store sites for more interesting and less easily available items.

"Definitely more people are using the Internet, but they are not using it as their sole source of retail," Krugman said, adding that online shopping represents only 5 percent of total retail sales.

But for some customers and businesses, Internet-related fraud is a concern, but Krugman said with the advancement of virus-protection programs, people are now more comfortable with online shopping.

And some larger items with expensive shipping costs, Klugman said, such as refrigerators or televisions, are best bought at a standard store.

Don Floury, owner of the Sears outlet store in Lapeer, said home improvement tools and large appliances are major sellers in the holiday season.

"Stainless steel appliances tend to roll on like a steam roller," Floury said. "Three or four weeks before Thanksgiving, we tend to sell a lot of larger kitchen appliances."

Floury said the No. 1 sales around the holidays are large plasma TVs, go-carts and exercise equipment to rid extra holiday pounds.

"There has been a lot of interest in fitness, and a lot of people are coming in under doctor's direction to purchase treadmills," Floury said.

Krugman said although holiday crowds can be aggravating for some consumers, a majority of people enjoy shopping in per-

son.

"People don't go shopping on 'Black Friday' because they have to, they do it because they want to be part of the ceremonial kick-

off of holiday shopping," he said.

"It's a family event where shopping online is not a family event."

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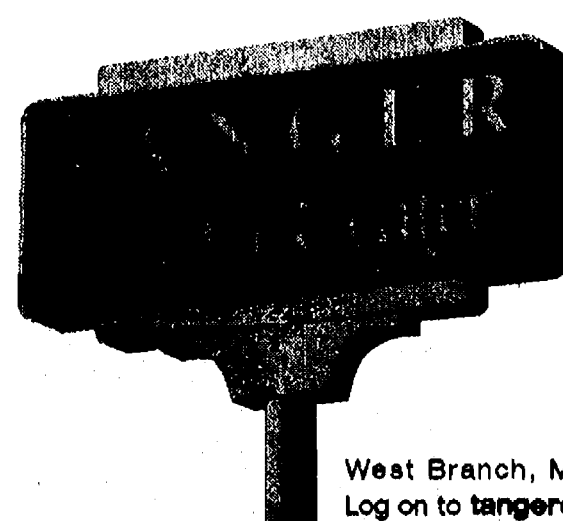
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City gives Grayling Fish Hatchery grant new life

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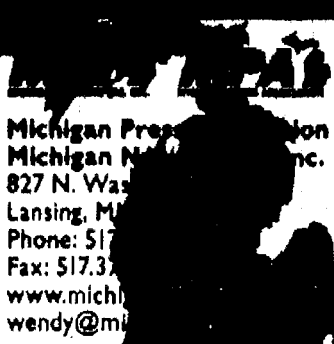
Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

Thousands of tourists, school

groups and residents visit the hatchery every summer.

In a recent update to county commissioners, Patrick noted that an area resident told him that his family had a more enjoyable time spending a few minutes at the hatchery on Labor Day compared to an entire day spent at the Detroit Zoo.

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It all comes out in the wash

By Ernie Harwell



When I was a boy growing up in Georgia, we worked hard and we played hard. And come supertime, you knew without having to be told, to wash your hands.

Now there's a simple way for all of us to help keep ourselves and others healthy just by washing our hands. Not just when they're dirty, but just out of habit.

If you petted a dog or other animal, before and after you've prepared food, if you've taken out the trash, coughed or sneezed, wash those hands.

All it takes is a little soap, some warm water and about 20 seconds of scrubbing, followed by a rinse and a dry with a clean towel.

Just the simple act of washing can help remove germs and keep you and others from picking up a bug that can lead to a cold, the flu or even more serious infections.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Card Marking Period, First Semester

9th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Jessica Baker, Ryan Cooper, Justin Denno, Kimberly Dougherty, Kara Bagerton, Krista Preney, Andria Howe, Matthew McDonald, Elaina Murray, Ethan Neuberger and Christopher Nells.

"B" Honor Roll
Kurt Abbe Jr., Audrey Alimenti, Shentele Apps, Raymond Bennete, Joshua Bofysil, Jessica Brandt, William Brown, Gabrielle Calkins, Kristi Calkins, Renee Clair, Eva Clark, Brittany Cross, Laura Cross, Andrew Currison, Tiffany Davis, Rachel Doremire, Jason Drudge, Kara Edgerton, Megan Etzler, Fawn Filley, Jessica Fowler, Stephanie Gaff, Alyssa Gruber, Jamie Hagerman, Tyler Harris, Railee Henderson, Sarah Henderson, Tiffany Henderson, Reid Holzbauer, Daryl Jones, Jeffrey Jones, Krystal Larson, Mathew Latuszek, James Lynch, Cody Malone, Ashley McMann, Richard McNamara, Ann Melroy, Jacob Niederhouse, Monica Peters, Lucus Pippin, Cassandra Pizzi, Mercedes Richey, Radel Rosin, Alesha Royster, Richard Schreiber, Robert Schultes, Storm Shriver, Joshua Stapleton, Julie Teal, Kilah Vanderstelt, Timothy Vannuck, John Ventline, Rachel Ward, Kristina Webso, Christopher Wells, Joseph Westman, Elizabeth Whiting and Kathryn Zill.

10th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Rachel Gibbs, Amanda Hulbert, Amanda Jackson,

Ashley Jurkovich, Nathan Peters, Rachel Sells, Jamie Shaw, Tiffany Shinew and Nicholas Tompkins.

"B" Honor Roll
Hank Abney, Jeffery Bancroft, Jonathan Bartha, Patrick Belcher, Angela Bickmann, Ashley Bindschatel, Jessica Bobenmoyer, Jeremiah Bootz, James Boylan, Michael Boylan, Alex Brackenbury, Megan Burrick, Stephen Carter, Joel Collin, Ali Ferrigan, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Theodore Gomez, Glenn Hampton, Andrew Hart, Jeffery Harwood, Charles Hughes, Mallory Johnson, Jonathan Kane, Whitney Keir, Kelly Lange, Sarah Lange, Monica Leslie, Angel Logan, Angela Martella, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Jamie Miller, Erica Moggo, Amanda Moran, Alexandra Mosel, Dennis Nelson, Candice Odden, Scot Olson, Nicholas Parkinson, Jessica Phillips, Mandy Pittman, Robert Ramaswamy, Justin Riehle, Jessica Sanfilippo, Crystal Schwartz, Matthew Seeley, Ryan Seewald, Cory Shear, Douglas Slater Jr., Lindsie Smith, Nicholas Steffey, Justin Summers, Andrew Troumbly, William Weaver Jr., Michael Wesoloski and Abby Wheeler.

11th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Zachary Baker, Alex Donaldson, Victoria King, Amanda Lutz, Darcy Shinew, Julia Scinski, Toshua Wade, Elizabeth Westman and Samantha Wilkerson.
"B" Honor Roll
Sadce Alexander, Austin

Andrus, Sara Babbitt, Katie Baynam, Nicole Cassidy, Summer Coe, William Coe, Jessica Cooper, Crystal Cottenham, Kristie Cummings, Chelsea Currison, Orland Dami III, Zachery Dean, Michelle Decker, Sarah Dent, Stacie Dent, Jacob Emmons, Alexandria Fedak, Ryan Feldhauser, Robert Feutz, Toni-Jo Gasser, Jessica Golnick, Krysta Golnick, Eric Goscicki, Felicia Guyot, Thomas Hall Jr., Zeke Hayes, Michael Hinkle, Michael Hoag Jr., Brittany Howard, Shantina Jacobs, Ronald Johnston, Amanda Joseph, Jesse Lane, Matthew Larson, Daniel Latusek, Ashley Lockwood, Kimberly Long, Michelle McGuire, Joe Merchant, Jessie Morley, Chelsea Papendick, Dustin Parens, Joshua Parker, Elizabeth Prouskis, Trisha Petersen, Dustin Pizzi, Kellan Quigley, Drew Rasmussen, Troy Redmond, Danial Rezney Jr., Christina Schmidt, Reagan Schmidt, John Schneider, III, Jill Seager, Maranda Shear, Brittany Sloan, Matthew Smock, Andrea Southard, Meghan Thomas, Justine Tozer, Chelsea Vannuck, Eli Vannuck, Samantha Wakeley, Mark Wejrowski, Jamie Wyss and Ashley Zalucha.

12th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Travis Brush, Brent Calkins, Tyler Cragg, Brian Gomez, Nicholas Henning, Joshua Hinkle, Tracey Lewis, Jennifer Long, Angeanette Lovely, Anthony Neal, Mallory Olson, Tracy Payne and Jennifer Vannuck.

"B" Honor Roll
Kyle Alexander, Abdulrahman Almsawel, Brittney Bennett, Jess Bobenmoyer, Kayla Boling, Brian Borchers, Beth Brewer, Stacey Brown, Rachel Brunell, Natalie Christman, Trevor Clough, Ellice Cross, Mandy Czapek, Jessica Demoinies, Holly Derenzy, Jilleen Deville, Jaimi Drudge, Kelly Dunckley, Jennifer Emmons, Anthony, English, Alyssa Farrell, Gary, Feeney, Jr., Jason Fekete, Erica Fenn, Jesse Ferrell, Brent Gabriel, Jr., Adam Gilbert, Mavrick Ginther, Chelsea Green, Daniel Hagerman, Jack Hagerman, Ryan Halstead, Jonathon Handy, Bethanie, Hulbert, Ashley Isaacsen, James, Jansen, Henry Lane, Kevin Latreille, Samatha Lemaster, Ann Lepsy, Benjamin Lucey, Elizabeth Lucey, Nikki Lynch, Casey Mahaffy, Benjamin Mathes, Kassie McClain, Patrick McNally, Alex McNamara, Darrell Metzger, Jr., Joshua Millikin, Tara Myers, Justhina Niederhouse, Erica Parker, Jonathan Parker, Rachel Pegouskie, Gregory Petrie, Jessica Pfaff, Thomas Pilon, Amber Pindell, Jamie Pinkelman, Rebecca Ramaswamy, Kelly Richards, Jodi Riddle, Jennifer Ringle, Justin Robinson, Richard Ryan, Lauren Sayler, Ryan Schmidt, Chris Secord, Rachel Strelchuk, Jason Strohpaal, Matthew Swope, Patricia Thompson, Gibson Tobin, Alex Vanderstelt, Kathryn Voelker, Jessica Wakeley, Brady Ward, Jonathan Wesoloski and Eric White.

GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

1st Card Marking Period, 1st Semester

6th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Fisher Ankney, Jensen Aubry, Samantha Bidwell, Peggy Currison, Erin Dubriwny, Chandler Grigsby, Amanda Hall, Ann Hamlin, Ashley Jensen, Caitlin Jensen, Melissa Kocofas, Kimberly McQueen, Maranda Miller, Darin Peters, Eric Rutter, and Jordan Stephan.
"B" Honor Roll
Joshua Aimesbury, Cassandra Bennett, Jerry Bergey, Tyler Brigham, Cassandra Carter, Alexis Dandy, Jon Deffendall,

Matthew Dunckel, Corey Edwards, David Elliott, Tasha Flynn, Arron Gault, Richard Goodyear, Richelle Grosskopf, Stevan Hargrave, Iva Haven, Nathaniel Heichel, Jacob Helsel, Trevor Hendrickson, Marcus Herblet, Brittny Holloway, Nicholas Jacobs, Ashley Johnson, Drake Kaul, Elizabeth Kengel, Corey Kiessel, Katelyn Lange, Glen Larson, Ethan Lewis, Nicholas McDonald, Cara Miller, Hali Miller, Ashley Moery, Carlie Money, Kaitlyn Money, Rebecca Money, Jessica

Myers, Nathan Nickerson, Katlyn Nye, Olivia Peters, Kristy Petrosky, Tiffany Pittman, Zachary Randall, Zachary Ransom, Spencer Rasmusson, Megan Reichelderfer, Cody Riness, Tanya Root, Nicholas Sanford, Eden Schlaff, Teresa Schreiber, Tyler Sharp, Rebecca Sloan, Jacob Small, Alex Sowle, Rebecca Strelchuk, Ciara Summers, Ryan Teeple, Trevor Theaker, Abbey Thomas, Kristen Todoroff, Sara Trudgeon, Joseph VanNuck, Kirstie Wakeley, Leigha Webber, David Westman, Joseph White, Callie Wilkins, Allyssa Wilson and Zachary Wolcott.

7th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Devon Bobenmoyer, Waylon Brush, Braden Coe, Ashley Feldhauser, Colin Hamlin, Kelsey Neuberger, Shivam Patel, Tiffany Valentin and Rachel Wilson.
"B" Honor Roll
Alexandrea Barber, Natosha Beaman, Joni Bindschatel, Nicole Bobenmoyer, Laura Brackenbury, Grace Calkins, Brandi Creel, Taylor Desenfants, Taylor Doremire, Melissa Eckstorm, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Savannah Foguth, Anna Hagerman, Robert Harrison, Makenna Harwood, Suzanne Hause, Mariah Hawkins, Matthew Hellebuyck, Chelsea Hermann, Joshua Hermann, Matthew Hilbrecht, Kameron Hobson, Aleisha Hoover, Mary Jenkins, Cayla Johnson, Trisha Jones, Cody King, Jonnie Knight, Matthew Kuck, Drue Kuhn, John Lennon, Morgan Lepsy, Destinee McLeod, Jane Moore, Michael Olson, Megan Patterson, Kyle Peters, William Peterson,

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8th Grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Peter Alexander, Jacob Aubry, John Cochran, Brianna Farrell, Ryan Foguth, Miescha McCuan, James Osga, Emily Sloan, Hannah Smith and Leigha Stevens.
"B" Honor Roll
Ethan Abbe, Jessica Bindschatel, Laura Boylan, Heaven Clifton, Spencer Dean, Misty Elford, Joseph Emmons, Justin Farnsworth, Eric Ferrigan, William Fowler, Alexander Gabriel, Kelsey Gilbert, Mollie Golnick, Matthew Haight, Nicole Joseph, Joelissa Kolka, Dominique Lane, Trent Larm, Alyssa Lewis, Arieal Lynch, Hailey McMahon, Kyle McQueen, Nicole Metzger, Aaron Munsey, Meagan Myers, Courtney Nelson, Aaron Nemeth, Chelsea Partello, Tabbitha Pelkey, Casey Petrosky, Alexandra Piehl, Sarah Rais, Travis Ransom, Wesley Rasmusson, Zachary Rasmusson, Sierra Reynolds, Samantha Schreiber, Krista Schultz, Tyler Steffey, Aaron Stephan, Hilary Warsko, Shawn Williams, Weston Willoughby, Ashley Witherell, Meghan Wyskiel, Samantha Zachery and Michael Zill.

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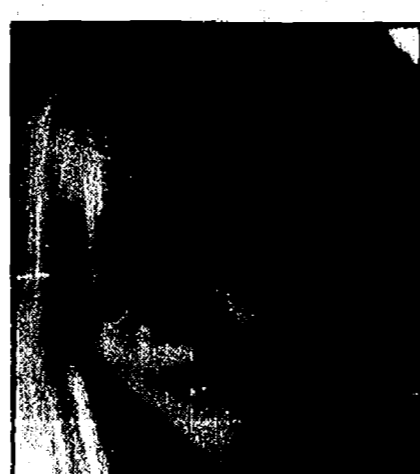
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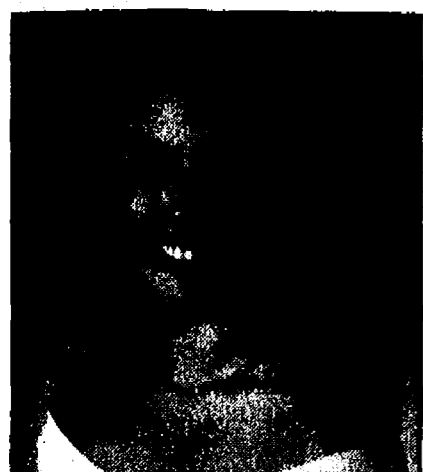
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Ten local girls to compete for Miss Grayling title

Ten local girls -- all high school seniors -- are competing for the title of Miss Grayling 2005 in the upcoming Junior Miss Scholarship Program pageant, an event sponsored by the American Business Women's Association.

This year's contestants are: Stacey Brown, Rachel Brunell, Erica Fenn, Jesse Ferrell, Ashley Isaacsen, Angeanette Lovely, Casey Mahaffy, Jamie Pinkelman, Jennifer Ringle, and Jenny VanNuck.

This year's pageant, which will have a Latin theme, will be held on December 4 at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Reserved tickets are available at Riverland for \$10 each.

In an effort to introduce each of the competitors to the public prior to the pageant, Junior Miss Scholarship Program organizers collected questionnaires from each girl and their answers were the basis for the following brief profiles: (competitors are listed in alphabetical order):

Stacey Brown -- Stacey is the daughter of Jim and Roxanne Brown.

After high school, she plans to attend Ferris State University to become a middle school science teacher.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include poms, student senate, dance, musicals, plays, watching TV, skiing, and snowmobiling.

The person she admires most is her grandma. "She has faced many obstacles in life and has tackled all of them. She's amazing."

What she has learned about life: "Live it! Take chances, be yourself, and don't regret anything because you only have one life to live."

Rachel Brunell -- Rachel is the daughter of Paul and Christine Brunell.

After high school, she plans to attend Michigan State University and major in education to teach middle school English.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include scrapbooking, cheerleading, shopping, and spending time with friends and family.

The person she admires most is "my best friend, Jenny, because she's been through a lot and always stays strong. She's my rock and I love her."

What she has learned about life: "You can't do everything. Pick your priorities and do your best. It's okay to get it wrong sometimes."

Erica Fenn -- Erica is the daughter of Darlene and Barry Fenn.

After high school, she plans to attend CMU and major in marketing.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include tennis, shopping, and crafts.

The person she admires most is her mother. "She is strong, caring, and loving and I hope to be like her some day."

What she has learned about life: "To never give up and take life one day at a time."

Jesse Ferrell -- Jesse is the daughter of Brenda Mikula and Joe Ferrell.

After high school, she plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University for two years, then transfer to Northwood University to study business management.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include spending time with friends and family.

The person she admires most is her brother. "He is very honest and encouraging. I know he'll always stand by me regardless of what happens."

What she has learned about life: "Do not let other people's expectations of yourself define who you become."

Ashley Isaacsen -- Ashley is the daughter of Eric and Deb Isaacsen and Lisa Kirk.

After high school, she plans to attend a four-year college -- SYSU, EMU, UDM -- to become a registered nurse in obstetrics.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include volunteering, arts and crafts, poms, singing, sign language, athletic events, and family gatherings.

The person she admires most is her father. "He always works hard to get what he wants and tries to do the best he can for his family."

What she has learned about life: "You can't predict anything in life so you're better off preparing yourself as much as you can and dealing with what life brings you."

Angeanette Lovely -- Angeanette is the daughter of David Lovely and Shelley Norman.

After high school, she plans to attend Grand Valley State University and become a science teacher.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include volleyball, softball, and scrapbooking.

The person she admires most is her little brother. "He's smart and funny."

What she has learned about life: "To be yourself and believe in yourself."

Casey Mahaffy -- Casey is the daughter of Lenny and Tammy Mahaffy.

After high school, she plans to attend the University of Michigan to study forensic pathology.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include soccer, drawing, playing the flute and piccolo, and hanging out with friends.

The person she admires most is her mother. "She is triumphant over all she encounters and is always supportive of me no matter what she may be going through. She cares so much for others, and I love her so much. My mom is amazing!"

What she has learned about life: "To consider how my decisions and choices will affect the rest of my life, so that there is no way I will have regrets in the future."

Jamie Pinkelman -- Jamie is the daughter of Shelley L. Pinkelman and Thomas Myers.

After high school, she plans to major in mathematics and develop a career in math research or as a professor.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include dancing, cheerleading, poms, reading, teaching, tumbling, and working out at the gym.

The person she admires most is

Rosa Parks. "Even though what she was fighting was blatantly and fundamentally wrong, she refused to yield to the demands of the ignorant majority, demonstrating the powerful effect of a single non-conformist in an unenlightened milieu."

What she has learned about life: "You recognize most in others the weaknesses you see in yourself."

Jennifer Ringle -- Jenny is the daughter of Dave Ringle and Wylie and Shirley Gaff.

After high school, she plans to attend Lansing Community College for two years and then get a bachelor's degree at MSU School of Nursing.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include dancing, acting, singing, scrapbooking, and shopping.

The person she admires most is her father. "He's always been there for me and understands me better than anyone. He'd do anything for me."

What she has learned about life: "There will always be at least one person who tells you that you can not reach a certain goal, and you have to simply know you can and work hard to achieve it."

Jenny VanNuck -- Jenny is the daughter of Pete and Martha VanNuck.

After high school, she plans to attend Ferris State University.

Her hobbies, pastimes, and activities include basketball, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and tanning.

The person she admires most is "Mrs. Pummel. I admire the fact that even though she is so busy she takes time to recognize the achievements of students on a personal level. She tries to relate to the students, and makes GHS a better school."

What she has learned about life: "Time doesn't stop or rewind so make every moment count."

The Miss Grayling contestants have been busy rehearsing and planning for the pageant's opening show -- "Latin Heat," which is being choreographed by Shayla Moore, current Grayling Junior Miss. The contestants have been divided into two groups for the show -- the Latin "Mambo's" and "Cha Cha's."

"This year is an extra bonus to have my daughter as part of the program," Director Sandra Moore said.

Off stage, the contestants have polished their interview skills with the help of mock judges Teresa Furst, Randall Hartley, Carol Miller, and Susan Thiel. Judges Coordinator Pat Kangas has compiled contestants' school transcripts, essays, and ACT scores and submitted them to Kirtland Community College for scoring. KCC has again offered each contestant a \$250 scholarship for completing the program.

"The community has always been supportive of the program," said Moore.

Deb Helsel, Moore's assistant, "has always gone above and beyond in whatever she gets involved in," Moore said. "(She is) the 'woman behind the scenes.'"

Julie Gates, a Mary Kay Consultant, gave each contestant a

makeover and focused on each young lady's colors to enhance the evening's competition. Gates will also be backstage on the night of the pageant.

Heads Up North has again offered the ladies hairstyles, with Gail Swope and Bitsy Hellebuyck helping to "make each contestant look their very best," Moore said.

The ladies bowled at Legion Lanes and have enjoyed many meals throughout the community. The contestants will attend the friendship luncheon at Grayrock Cafe with special entertainment being provided. On Thursday, the girls will attend the GPA Community Cultural Events "Christmas Program."

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Mercy's Emergency Care rated in top one-percent across nation

Some things in life are just too important to accept less than the very best. Emergency health care is one of them.

Press Ganey, a nationally recognized firm that regularly surveys the health care industry, recently rated Mercy Hospital Grayling's Emergency Department in the 99th percentile - or top one-percent - of hospitals across the nation.

This is one of the highest patient satisfaction ratings ever attained by the hospital's Emergency Department, which sees approximately 20,000 visits annually. The Press Ganey Report contains valuable data

from 207 Mercy Hospital Grayling patients who were treated from July through September 2004.

"These are traditionally three of the busiest months of the year for our Emergency Department," said Emergency Services Director Pattie Walker. "In the summer months our Emergency Department sees a lot of vacationers and military from Camp Grayling, as well as our important community members. These ratings reflect the excellent and compassionate care that our staff, including Lab, X-ray, and Customer Access provides, even during the busiest time of year.

The hospital's other recent Emergency Department scores have shown an impressive record of quality patient care. The surveys are conducted twice a year and since 2002 the summer/winter scores have ranged from the 94th to 99th percentile. "This reflects our consistent level of quality care," explained Walker. "Patient satisfaction is very important to us."

These outstanding survey

results come shortly after the launch of a fundraising campaign that will result in a new Emergency Department at Mercy Hospital Grayling. The campaign has been greeted with enthusiastic community support and has already received gifts totaling more than \$1.5 million towards a community goal of \$2.3 million.

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2005 with completion in mid-2007. The new Emergency Department - the first expansion to the hospital since 1978 - will more than double the space available for emergency care.

The expansion will increase the ED from eight to 14 treatment beds, add three new observation beds, improve patient and family areas, and significantly improve patient privacy and comfort.

For more information about the Emergency Department fundraising campaign, please call 989-348-0594 or visit mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org.

Kirtland Youth Theatre receives Heartland Arts Fund performing arts grant

Kirtland Youth Theatre announced that it was among a select group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive a Heartland Arts Fund grant. This award will support the December 3 performances of Hans Brinker's Christmas by ArtsPower National Touring Theatre at the Performing Arts Center on Kirtland Community College's campus. Residency workshops will be conducted in area schools prior to the performances.

This presentation is supported in part by the Heartland Arts Fund a program of Arts Midwest funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from General Mills Foundation, Land O'Lakes Foundation, Sprint Corporation and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Heartland Arts Fund enables individuals and families throughout America's heartland to share in and to enjoy the arts and culture of our region and the world.

David J. Fraher, Heartland Arts Fund Chairman said, "Kirtland Youth Theatre is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with this distinctive event. Audiences in northern lower Michigan will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's

Hans Brinker's Christmas, many for the first time, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and the Kirtland Youth Theatre.

Kirtland Youth Theatre brings ArtsPower National Touring Theatre back to Kirtland with Hans Brinker's Christmas, staged in a Broadway-style musical set in 19th century Broek, Holland. Performances will be in the KCC Performing Arts Center on December 3, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For over a century, young and old have delighted in Mary Mapes Dodge's classic novel about a hard-working family overcoming misfortune. Hans Brinker and his younger sister Gretel are responsible and ambitious children taking care of their injured Papa. Since money and work opportunities are scarce in the village, Hans decides to enter the Great Race with the hope of winning the valuable first prize: silver skates. The challenge of winning the Great Race, finding the money to pay for their father's operation, and keeping their family together, force Hans and Gretel to take risks that could affect them for the rest of their lives.

For further information regarding Hans Brinker's Christmas contact Shirley Carton art 989-275-5000, ext. 397.

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For the week of December 20, the library will be accepting donations of canned goods in lieu of cash for fines. The food will be given to the Christian Help Center to benefit citizens of Crawford County. Each can of food will be counted as 50¢ toward your fine. The maximum that can be applied towards fines is \$5. This does not apply to costs from lost or damaged materials. Cans must be brought to the circulation desk. The library will not accept any dented, rusty cans, or cans without a label.

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Electronic cards speed crossing of U.S.-Canadian bridge

by Marc R. Rehmann
Capital News Service

LANSING — Easy access and saving money are two advantages Michigan residents like when going through their daily routines.

Since early October, life for some travelers has been easier when crossing the International Bridge, which connects Michigan with Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. They've been able to buy International Quick (IQ) cards at 40 percent savings instead of paying the toll in cash or tickets each time.

"We're trying to make it more convenient for crossers," said Dawn Garner, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) communication representative for the International Bridge. "This helps introduce technology that will be used in the future."

The bridge previously offered ticket books for people who traveled across the border fre-

quently. IQ cards offer more benefits such as a single card instead of a booklet of tickets. Cardholders can also register their card for protection if it's lost or stolen.

Only about 13 percent of the 3,400-plus IQ accounts sold during the first month have been registered. To register, customers can either go online and fill out an electronic form or stop by the International Bridge administration office building at the toll plaza.

"In a process of one year, we would receive about 1 million tickets to count," said Peter Petainen, the bridge's chief financial officer. "Instead of having somebody count tickets each day, they can spend time talking with customers."

The new cards allow households with more than one vehicle to have multiple cards on the same account.

"My wife can be on the same account as mine," said Petainen,

who commutes to work each day from Sault Ste. Marie Ont., to his office on the Michigan side. "Before last month, households would have to pass ticket books from car to car."

A card can be purchased in increments of 20 trips at \$16 U.S. or \$20 Canadian. They must be purchased in Michigan, but can be used when traveling in either direction.

Petainen said when compared to last year, card sales were 22 percent greater over the last month than the sales of ticket books.

"I had one individual that came through the other day and wanted 100 trips on his card," Petainen said. "Rather than coming in every few weeks, he doesn't have to worry about it for two months."

Michigan and Ontario also connect at the Ambassador Bridge and Windsor Tunnel between Detroit and Windsor and at the Blue Water Bridge in

Port Huron and Sarnia.

"We don't offer anything like that to the public," said Blue Water Bridge supervisor Tracy Portis. "Our employees do have identification cards and truckers have a commercial debit account, which they have to make deposits into each month. Their trucks are scanned every time they go through."

Sixty-two of the more than 1,200 employees of Kewadin Casinos make the commute each day from their homes in Ontario. Kewadin Casinos are in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Hessel and Christmas.

"Using the IQ cards are much easier and faster than using the bridge tickets," said Marie Bayles, an administrative assistant at Kewadin Sault Casino. "They save you money in the long run. I don't know of any Canadian citizen working at Kewadin Casinos that doesn't have one."

New retirement community being built in Houghton Lake

Another resource for seniors will soon be available in the Houghton Lake and Prudenville area - The Brook of Houghton Lake. Construction is beginning on a residential community for seniors which will offer both assisted living and independent living.

The project is located on the corner of Old 27 and Knapp Road and is scheduled to be

completed in late summer 2005.

The Brook of Houghton Lake will be a sister community to that of the Brook of Roscommon and The Brook of West Branch. All three communities, as well as one also being built in Gladwin, are designed to offer such amenities as a library, exercise facility, movie theatre, large dining room with chandeliers, living room with fireplace, beauty salon, pri-

vate meeting and dining rooms and health clinic.

Forty-two apartments are structured to include studio, one bedroom and two bedroom units ranging in square footage from approximately 500 to 1,000 sq. ft. each.

"We see a definite need in this community to enhance services for our senior population. I am so thrilled to be a part in offering

such a wonderful addition to our community," stated Rick Hacker, one of The Brook's corporate partners. The partners in the project include Don and Michelle Ressa, Rick and Mary Hacker, Jerry DeWitt and Tom DeWitt. For additional information with regard to the Houghton Lake community, you may contact The Brook of Roscommon at 275-4000 and ask for Diane.

Kirtland Community College theatre to hold auditions

The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College will be holding auditions for "The Dastardly Deed" on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday December 7, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

"The Dastardly Deed" is planned as a murder mystery dinner theatre production that will take place in February. The show has roles for three men and three women.

The characters include a flamboyant female astrologer, her

younger husband; the astrologer's faithful female assistant; a Chemistry professor; a security guard; and the hostess.

The auditions are open to all area residents. There is nothing to prepare for the auditions as those auditioning will be reading

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Legislation for gas pipeline before Senate

Crawford County will be able to receive a more efficient and safer mode of gasoline transportation to serve its growing needs under legislation headed to the State Senate.

The legislation would keep local governments from blocking utility projects in the right-of-ways on state owned limited access highways such as a portion of the pipeline proposed by Wolverine Pipe Line Company.

The use of the proposed interstate right-of-way versus alternative routes has been studied by both the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)

and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and approved as the best and safest route.

Under House Bill 6314 passed by the House of Representatives on November 10, energy and utility projects when located along federal and state interstate highways would have to comply with standards approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the MPSC.

In 2001, Wolverine proposed construction of a 62-mile pipeline from Jackson to Lansing to replace a 68-year-old line that was undersized and could not meet the needs for gasoline for mid and northern Michigan. The gasoline terminals in Bay City and Lansing serve 39 counties including Crawford. Approximately 24 miles of the proposed new pipeline route is along the Interstate 96 right-of-way in the Lansing area. All the communities along the I-96 route have approved the pipeline except for the City of Lansing. Only four miles of the proposed pipeline travels in or adjoining to the City of Lansing.

"This legislation is absolutely vital to protect the state's ability to deliver essential services to all areas of the state," said Chuck Hadden, vice president of the Michigan Manufacturers Association. "Job development and job growth depends upon the reliable availability of utilities like gas and electricity. This legislation will prevent any single community from preventing the rest of the state from meeting its essential service needs."

In the specific case of the Wolverine Pipeline, the 39-county area it serves uses more than 2.1 million gallons of petroleum products per day; the current pipeline can only deliver 1.9 million gallons per day. The remainder of the petroleum products as well as all future growth must be brought in by truck, which is 3-5 times more expensive and 87-times more dangerous than transportation by pipeline.

"This pipeline is vital to the residents of Crawford County and the state of Michigan," said John Griffin, executive director of Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan. "Rebuilding and expanding the existing pipeline system will allow gasoline to reach the market using the safest and most economical transportation."

Mid-Michigan, including the Crawford County area, has not been able to reliably meet the demand for petroleum products through pipeline transportation since the closing of Total/Ultra Diamond Shamrock's Alma refinery in 1999. More than 85 percent of petroleum products used in Michigan must be imported from out of state. Gasoline to serve the Crawford County area is primarily produced at refineries located in

the Chicago area.

When completed, the pipeline will help reduce truck and barge transportation of refined petroleum products in Lansing, Bay City and 39 counties including Crawford County.

"The project is the safest long-term solution to meet mid and northern Michigan's gasoline transportation needs for the future," Tom Shields, spokesperson for Wolverine Pipe Line Co. "It should reduce local price spikes caused by a shortage of gasoline, reduce the cost of transporting the gasoline and reduce the need for Great Lakes barges to carry gasoline into Crawford County."

The MPSC, MDOT, MDEQ and five townships along the proposed route have already approved the application by Wolverine to build a 12-inch pipeline. When completed, the pipeline system will have a capacity of more than 2.4 million gallons per day. It will be able to replace the 2.1 million gallons per day lost when the Alma refinery closed and will have additional capacity to meet demands well into the future.

Wolverine has operated refined petroleum product pipelines for more than 50 years. The company currently operates more than 750 miles of pipeline in Michigan, and delivers approximately 35 percent of Michigan's total refined petroleum product needs.

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GMS names Students of the Month



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The students selected as Student of the Month for November at Grayling Middle School are, from the left: (back row) Matt Hilbrecht, John Cochrane, Trent Larm, Talia Piper, Kayla Hawes, Kristi Pfeiffer, Shivam Patel, Bobby Scott, Brandy Bammon, Katelynn Cordero; (middle row) Chelsea Hermann, Kim McQueen, Darin Peters, Nick Sanford, Teresa Schreiber, Kristy Petrosky, Jerry Bergey, Adam Love, Krista Schultz; (front row) Bridget Riehl, Devon Bobenmoyer, Kameron Hobson and Samantha Bidwell. Not pictured: Joey Bowman.

Dove hunting still sparks disputes

by Jonathan Malavolti
Capital News Service

LANSING — About a month after Michigan's inaugural mourning dove hunting season closed, the issue remains hotly contested.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said neither estimates nor the exact number of doves taken in the first season, which ran from Sept. 10 to Oct. 30, will be available for another three months.

But Al Stewart, an upland game bird specialist for the DNR, said the season was a success. "The season went very successfully," Stewart said. "There were no problems and law enforcement agents didn't find any violations."

Stewart said more than 5,000 of the required dove hunting stamps were sold at \$2 apiece. Half of the money goes toward the Non-game Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund while the other half goes to the state Fish and Wildlife Protection Fund.

"The funds go to protect and manage Michigan wildlife,"

Stewart said.

There was some speculation that the season would cause problems with dove habitats, but Stewart said that at this point nothing has changed.

"Mourning doves are still at people's bird feeders. We can still view them and hunt them," he said. "There are enough doves for everyone."

Doves could be hunted only in Berrien, Branch, Cass, Hillsdale, Lenawee and St. Joseph counties in southern Michigan.

Michigan became the 41st state to allow a dove hunting season after the Legislature and Gov. Jennifer

Granholm approved a bill allowing a three-year trial period. Stewart said keeping the three years is important so he and the DNR can analyze the seasons and their impact on the state.

Julie Baker, a member of the Songbird Protection Coalition of Michigan refutes some of the claims made by the DNR, including that the department artificially inflated its hunting

numbers and said that the three-year trial period will do considerable damage to the environment.

"They used tactics to make the number of hunters and interest seem larger than it really was. They also estimated that 200,000 doves would be killed, but with the 30 percent that are not retrieved and wounded, that total comes to 260,000," Baker said of the DNR.

The Lansing-based group Baker works with has been collecting signatures of people who are against hunting doves since mid-September. After eight weeks, it had about 75,000 names on a petition to force a statewide vote on the issue. The group must file 225,000 signatures by the March 2005 deadline to get its proposal on the November 2006 ballot.

"We're right on target, we're meeting our weekly goal," Baker said. "We want the people to decide whether, yes, they want dove hunting or no, they don't want dove hunting."

The coalition opposes dove

hunting for several reasons, including the size of the bird population and the fact that lead from shooting ammunition can damage cropland.

An estimated four million mourning doves migrate from Michigan every fall, according to the DNR.

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CAMP GRAYLING — Juana Essmaker, a member of the Maneuver Training Center (MTC), Michigan Army National Guard; was promoted in a recent promotion ceremony, to the rank of Specialist, by Maj. Lori Lemon, unit Commander.

Essmaker is assigned as a unit clerk, has been a member of MTC since March 21, 2003. She also worked ADSW for the past ten months for MTC, updating MTC records and ensuring soldier readiness. Also Essmaker is currently attending Kirtland Community College.

Essmaker is the daughter of John and Maritza Essmaker. She has a two and half year old daughter named Aaliyah.

Travis Hatfield has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on October 13, 2004.

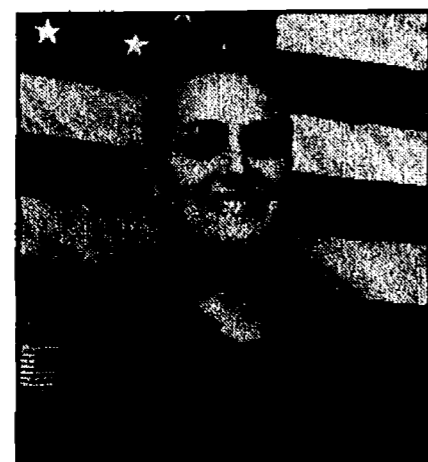
He completed nine weeks of intensive training and was awarded the "Sharp Shooter" medal for his achievement in "Basic Rifle Marksmanship".

Hatfield is now completing his Advanced Individual Training in Track Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

He is the son of Jim and Nancy Hatfield.

Hatfield is a 2004 graduate of Grayling High School.

Navy Seaman James A. Kittle, and his shipmates, recently



Juana Essmaker

returned to their homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after completing a successful six-month deployment to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility, while serving aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin.

During the deployment, Kittle's ship, working alongside the guided-missile frigate USS Curtis, seized more than \$1 billion of cocaine.

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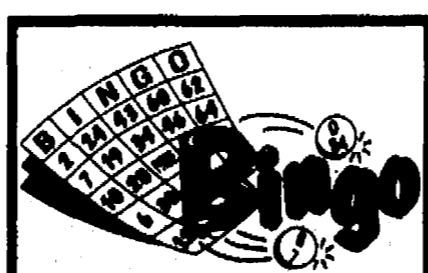
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Travis Hatfield

ronment.

Kittle is the son of Deborah Gansden of Higgins Lake, and Alfred Gansden of Higgins Lake. He is a 2002 graduate of Roscommon High School and joined the Navy in June 2003.



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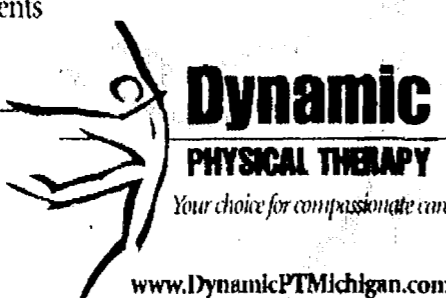
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Sentencings for September 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Diana Lyn Newman, age 43 of Mio - Breaking and entering illegal without owners permission; ordered to pay \$895 in fines or serve 63 days in jail.

Ernie Joseph Banyai, age 59 of Grayling - Operated while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,005 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; sentenced to 181 days of probation.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 23 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

David C. Smith, age 30 of Grayling - Malicious Destruction of a building \$200 or more but less than \$1,000; ordered to pay \$405 in fines, \$412 in restitution or serve 81 days in jail.

Sarah Kay Brinker, age 22 of Frederic - False pretenses less than \$200; ordered to pay \$655 in fines and \$25.20 in restitution or serve 63 days in jail.

Scott Philip McCarthy, age 34

or Roscommon - Operated while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Kelly Anne Halstead, age 23 of Roscommon - Disturbance of peace; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

Richard Gordon Dunne III, age 22 Scottsdale - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$465 in fines or serve 46 days in jail; sentenced to 91 days of probation.

Mark Henry Nelson, age 43 of Lainsburg - Operate motor vehicle in a non-designated area; ordered to pay \$140 in fines.

Jerry Allen Cook, age 28 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Shawn Patrick Thomas, age 33 of Frederic - Disorderly person/drink; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

William Russell Chissus, age 60 of Grayling - Attempted stalking; ordered to pay \$150 in fines or serve 15 days in jail.

Joshua Winston Mead, age 24 of Linden - Drove while license suspended and operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay

\$1,150 in fines or serve 115 days in jail.

Sullivan Lafayette Ballou, age 87 of Roscommon - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$385 in fines or serve 38 days in jail.

Cheryl Renee Veres, age 33 of Grayling - Grayling City ordinance number four; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

Deborah Ann Mahaney, age 45 of Grayling - Operated while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail.

Randy Scott Tester, age 25 of Houghton Lake - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Daniel Levi Benson, age 24 of Grayling - Grayling City ordinance Number Four; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

Christopher Neil Kelley, age 31 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines.

George Lee Stancil, age 56 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

James Stevan Verlinda, age 53 of Frederic - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Robert Glenn Cousins Jr., age 40 of Grayling - Disorderly person/drink; ordered to pay \$320 in fines or serve 32 days in jail.

Gloria Jean Kauffman, age 57 of Belleville - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines.

Jeffrey Peter Zaker, age 31 of Allen Park - Disorderly/obscene conduct; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

William N Dixon, age 49 of Union Township - Impaired driving; ordered to pay \$445 fines. **Magistrate Julie Delaney**

Richard Lyle Bindshatell, age 43 of Roscommon - License suspended or revoked allowed suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines and costs of serve 21 days in jail.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy Burton Canfield Jr., age 37 of St. Charles - Operated while intoxicated; sentenced to 90 days in jail; ordered to pay \$395 in fines; sentenced to 730 days of probation.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for September 2004

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Andrew Leroy Boughner, age 25 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on July 14, 2004 to Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree with a person 13-15; sentenced on September 9, 2004 to 18 to 60 months in prison with credit for 206 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victims rights fee.

Anthony Walton Bentley, age

32 of Grayling - Plead guilty on July 14, 2004 to motor vehicle unlawful driveway; sentenced on September 9, 2004 to 30 to 60 months in prison with credit for 185 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victims rights fee.

Charles Eugene Smith, age 37 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on March 11, 2004 to assault with a weapon; sentenced to serve 150 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victims rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$4,880 in restitution; placed on probation for 24 months; ordered to serve 60 days in jail with 60 days held in abeyance.

Randy Eugene Martin, age 35 of Flint - Plead guilty to a probation violation on February 25, 2003; sentenced to serve 330 days in jail with credit for 185 days served; ordered to pay \$400 in circuit court costs, \$45 in restitution, \$30 crime victims rights fee and \$645 attorney fee.

Daniel Richard Veenstra, age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on

July 23, 2004 to larceny more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000; sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 82 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victims rights fee, \$3,435 in restitution, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy Miguel Flores, age 31 of Grayling - Plead guilty on July 9, 2004 to assault harm less than murder; sentenced on September 10, 2004 to served 13 to 24 months in prison with sentence to run consecutive to current prison commitment; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victims rights fee.

Burton Canfield Jr., age 37 of Grayling - Found guilty on August 5, 2004 of operating under the influence of liquor-second offense and controlled substance second-offense-double-penalty; sentenced to server 180 days in jail with credit for 139 served; ordered to pay \$105 state minimum costs, \$110 crime victims rights fee and \$400 circuit court costs; placed on probation for 24 months.

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Sunday, December 5 - Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. French toast, eggs, sausage, fruit and dessert bar, juice, coffee and milk. Seniors and under 12, \$2.25, \$3.50 non-seniors.

Monday, December 6 - Lunch - riblet sandwich, boston baked beans, cauliflower, mandarin oranges. Dinner - roast turkey, marshmallow sweet potatoes, green beans w/ corn, applesauce. 12 p.m. Stag Club,

1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, December 7 - Lunch - ham and scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, coleslaw, butterscotch brownies. Dinner - BBQ chicken, fried cabbage w/ bacon, harvard beets, pineapple chunks. 12:15 p.m. low vision resource shopping, 1 p.m. Euchre Club, 5:15 p.m. low vision resource shopping.

Wednesday, December 8 - Lunch - beef tips & gravy over noodles, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit. Dinner - baked pork chops, green beans Almandine, AuGratin potatoes, birthday cake. 10 a.m. line dancing, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 5 p.m. birthday dinner, 5:30 p.m. white elephant auction.

Thursday, December 9 - Lunch - beanies and weinies broccoli and cheese, pears, Waldorf salad. Dinner - beef pepper steak, medium baked potato, broccoli parmesan, fruited Jell-O. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks, 11 a.m. Out to Lunch - Applebee's & Big Lots, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack. The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Layndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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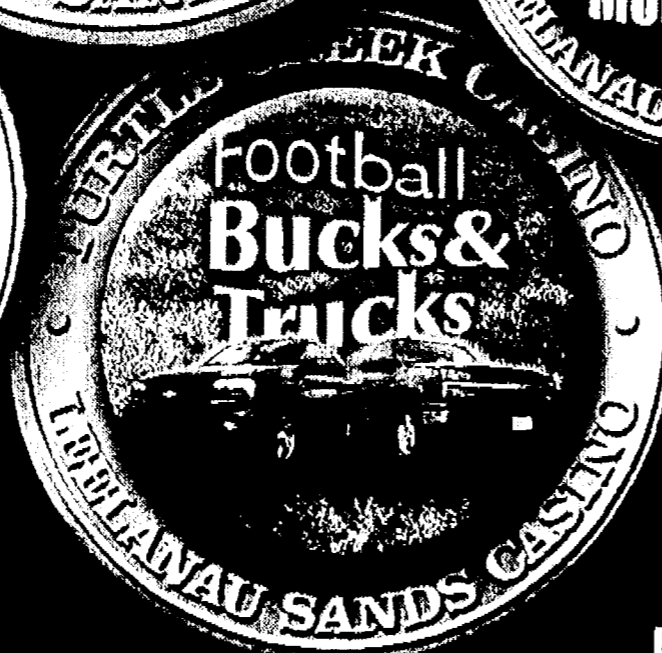
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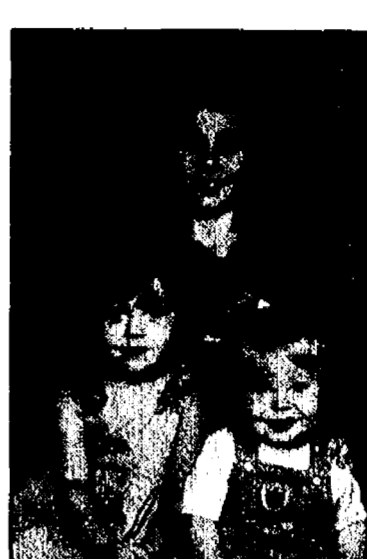
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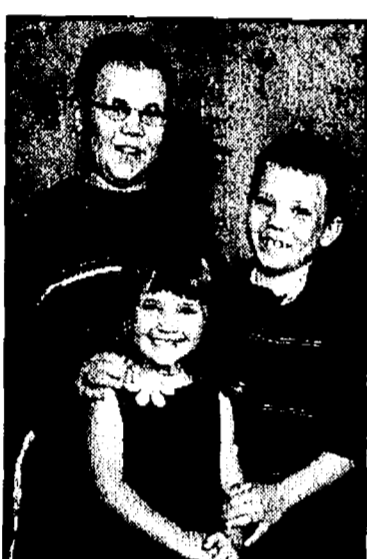
Freddy Fisher, 6; Anna Fisher, 4 & Anthony Fisher, 5 months
Fred & Tamara Fisher



Peyton Scheer, 4 months; Paige Scheer, 4 & Peri Scheer, 6
Brad & Charlene Scheer



Ashley, 11 & Ty, 9
Bob & Amy Jensen



Joe, 10; Brandon, 8 & Rebecca, 3 1/2
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Megan, 11; Emma, 7 & Andrew, 3
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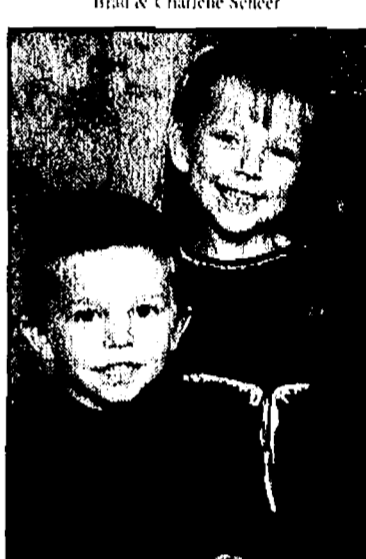
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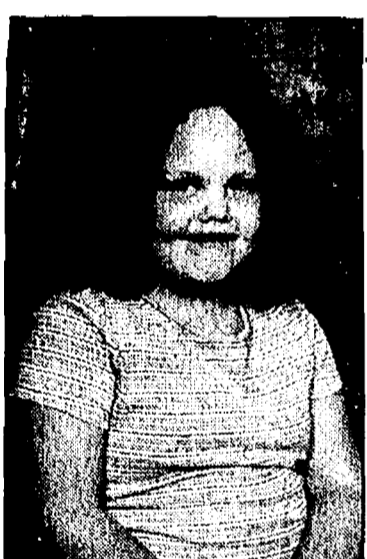
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Brian & Lynn Cheney



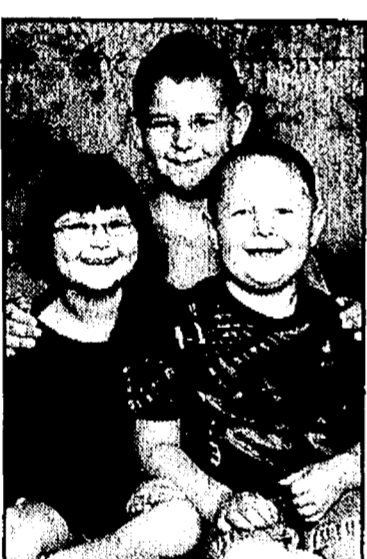
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Chrissy Bonanie, 6 & Kody Bonanie, 4
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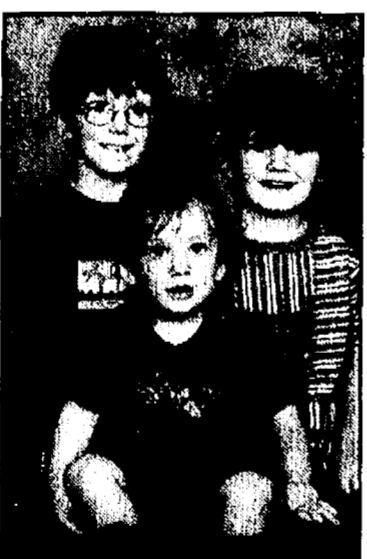
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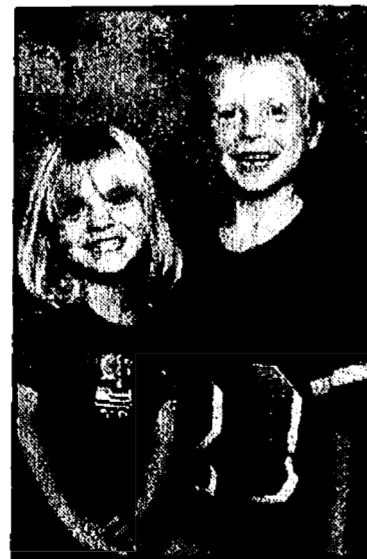
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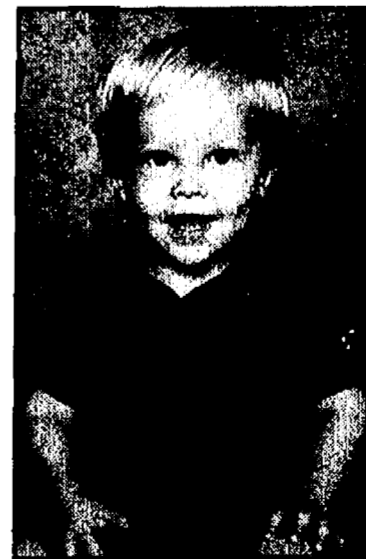
Jonathan Martin, 6 & Brianna Martin, 3
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High Series: T. Kotrash, 609; J. Robideau, 598; L. Davis, 579.
High Game: J. Robideau, 247; M. Smith, 223; T. Kotrash, 222.

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie 32 - 16
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 29 - 19
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Kicking Grass 24 - 24
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High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 548; P. Harris, 513; C. Wyatt, 445.
High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 193; P. Harris, 188; S. Barber, 165.

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High Series: C. Jones, 531; B. LaMotte, 509; N. Trudeau, 483.

High Game: B. LaMotte, 204; J. Coors, 196; C. Jones, 186.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair . . . 34 - 14
IMM. 31 - 17
American Legion 30 - 18
Lucky & Laura 28 - 20
Double Trouble 25 - 23
4.F.I. 22 - 26
New Guys and Gals . . . 14 - 34
Bye 2 - 30
High Series Men: C. Hanson, 630; R. Moshier, 619; R. Trudeau, 549.
High Game Men: R. Moshier, 246; C. Hanson, 238; R. Trudeau, 213.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 463; K. Moshier, 458; T. Hellebuyck, 455.
High Game Women: T. Hellebuyck, 191; S. Johnson, 186; K. Moshier, 160.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Fritch Electric 53 - 24
Denny's Village Idiots . . 39 - 38
Little Tyke Daycare . . . 38 - 39
Dennco 38 - 39
Weyerhaeuser 34 - 43
AJD Forest Products . . . 29 - 48
High Series Men: S. Miller, 555; K. Slater, 533; J. Fritch, 522.
High Game Men: D. Kirchoff, 205; K. Slater, 199; J. Meharg, 194.
High Series Women: M. Miller, 535; S. France and T. Haight, 447.
High Game Women: M. Miller, 204; S. France, 167; E. Slater, 164.

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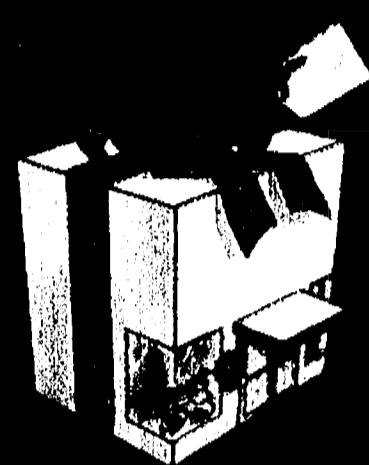
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► Five Grayling golfers — Derek Johnston, Josh Hinkle, Ryan Davis, Ron Johnston, and James Walker — earn all-league honors

GHS golf team looks back on record-breaking season

Vikings post an overall win-loss record of 189-8

■ 2004 squad sets new school record for 18-hole and 9-hole scores

The 2004 GHS boys golf team, which placed second in the state finals this year and won a regional and league championship, recently concluded its record-breaking season with an awards banquet, at which several team honors and other awards were announced.

"We have a number of outstanding individual accomplishments to mention, but the foundation of this group is that they understood, appreciated, and respected the fact that they were part of a team with a goal," Coach Herb Olson said.

This year, the Vikings posted a new team record for 18-hole average at 318.2, one stroke better than the 2003 team's average. The Vikings also set a new team record for 9-hole score with a 148 (four over par) on a par 36.

The Vikings posted a team score under 300 for the first time in school history this year. (The team finished under 300 twice this season.)

The 2004 squad beat last year's team record for best 18-hole score of 306 with a 294 this year. The Vikings also posted an overall winning percentage of 96 in 2004. "We defeated 189 teams

while losing to only eight, bettering last year's 122-10 season record. Sixty-seven more wins and two fewer losses," Coach Olson said. "Every varsity player had an individual winning record. None of our players defeated fewer than 63 percent of their opponents."

The Vikings won the Boyne Invitational, the Cheboygan Invitational, the Gaylord Invitational, the Lake Michigan Conference (finishing ahead of Division IV state champion Traverse City St. Francis), repeated as regional champions (sweeping the top four individual places), and brought home the team's first ever state finals runner-up trophy.

"This team's records are going to stand for some time," Coach Olson said.

Individual team awards and all-conference and all-state honors for this year's golf team include:

- 2004 Team Wins: 1 — Brady Ward; 1 — James Walker; 1 — Ron Johnston; 2 — Josh Hinkle; 4 — Ryan Davis; 11 — Derek Johnston;

- 2004 Medalist Honors: 1 — Ron Johnston; 3 — Josh Hinkle; 4 — Ryan Davis; 7 — Derek Johnston;

- Co-Rookies of the Year: Jason Wilson, Ben Brown;

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Ron Johnston
All-Conference 2nd Team, Most Improved Award

GHS golf team looks back on record-breaking season

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- 2004 Most Improved: Ron Johnston;
- 2004 Most Consistent: James Walker;
- 2004 100% Award: Ryan Davis, Derek Johnston;
- 2004 MVP: Derek Johnston;
- All-Conference 2nd Team: James Walker, Ron Johnston;
- All-Conference 1st Team: Josh Hinkle, Ryan Davis;
- Conference MVP: Derek Johnston;
- All-State: Derek Johnston.

The following are brief profiles of each GHS golfer provided by Coach Olson:

Freshman Reid Holzbauer: "Our first rookie, Reid got a pretty good start on this crazy game this year. Reid stuck it out and improved his ability and his knowledge of the game."

Freshman Isaac VanNuck: "Another rookie starting out somewhat at scratch. And I don't mean handicap! Isaac didn't give up, learned plenty, and has a pretty good start at becoming a

player."

Freshman Rocky McNamara: "Rocky reminds us a little of Ryan Davis as a freshman. His swing is full of power. He crushes the golf ball. It's just not always in the direction he hoped. His freshman scores for the season put him ahead of some of our best past players. Rocky had a low 9 hole score of 42, and a low 18 hole score of 84. I'm confident that he's committed to this game, that he'll continue to improve, and that he'll be a force on this team for the next three years."

Freshman Ben Brown: "Ben is also off to a great start on this team. He has a wonderful swing and a great attitude. Everyone gets disappointed with a bad shot, the best players know how to manage that disappointment. And Ben has one of the best starts to managing attitude that we've seen in a freshman. Ben had a low 9 hole round of 42, and a low 18 hole round of 88."

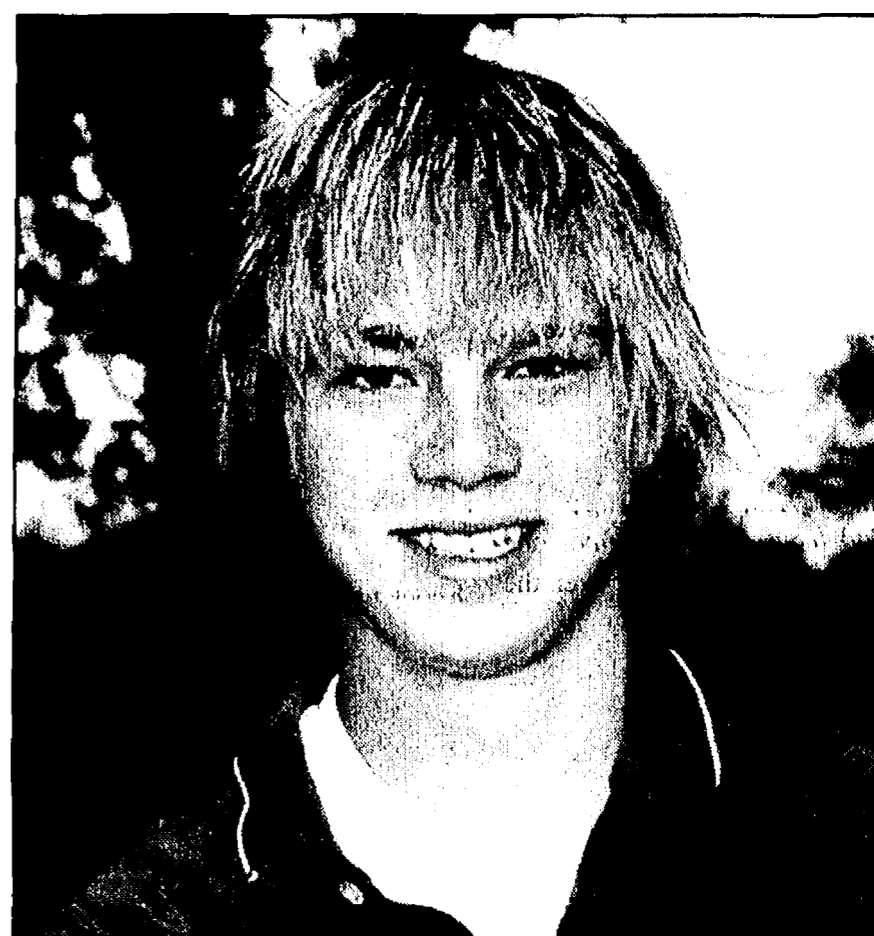
Freshman Jason Wilson: "Jason is another freshman with a bright future on this team. His swing resembles his dad's and there aren't many better to resemble. Also above the norm as a freshman is that he plays better when it's an 18 hole round. His average for nine was 46.3, but his average for 18 was a 90.5, which is 2nd only behind Ryan Davis's freshman average of 87.2."

"Rocky, Ben, and Jason's stats would have earned them each a varsity award in 12 of this team's 14-year history. This was just one tough team to break into the top spots on. Combined these guys have about the same start that Davis, Hinkle, and Hagerman had four years ago. Watch these guys, they are good," Coach Olson said.

Sophomore Andrew Hart: "Although a sophomore, this was Andrew's first season with us. I wish he would have started last year as his improvement was easily seen. He played three nine-hole rounds and in order they were 60, 58, and 48. We just need him to start out with 48, 46, and 36 next season. With some summer practice, next year he will have a shot at breaking into the varsity squad."

Sophomore Joel Collin: "Joel fought so hard to break onto the varsity! Joel was our lone freshman last year and averaged 51.8. This year he knocked over 6 strokes off that to finish with a season average of 45.4. And that's still with him finishing a swing with both heels in the air. Joel has pretty darn good balance. If he can shoot up a couple

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Brady Ward
Team Win Award



Jason Wilson
Co-Rookie of the Year



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Grayling Vikings Varsity Volleyball 2004-2005 Schedule



Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Saturday	December 11, 2004	Roscommon	A	9:00	8:00
Thursday	December 16, 2004	East Jordan	H	6:00	
Monday	December 20, 2004	Boysie City	A	6:00	4:00
Saturday	January 8, 2005	Petokey	A	9:00	7:00
Monday	January 10, 2005	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 13, 2005	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 17, 2005	Charlevoix/Harbor Springs	A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	January 22, 2005	St. Ignace	A	9:00	TBA
Monday	January 24, 2005	East Jordan	A	6:00	2:45
Thursday	January 27, 2005	Elk Rapids	A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	January 29, 2005	Charlevoix Tournament	A	8:30	6:00
Thursday	February 3, 2005	Kalkaska	A	6:00	5:00
Saturday	February 5, 2005	Subway Invitational	H	9:00	
Thursday	February 10, 2005	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	February 12, 2005	Benzie Tournament	A	9:00	6:15
Monday	February 14, 2005	Boysie City	H	6:00	
Thursday	February 17, 2005	Charlevoix/Harbor Springs	A	6:00	3:45
Thursday	February 24, 2005	Elk Rapids	H	6:00	

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Grayling Vikings Varsity Wrestling 2004-2005 Schedule



Day	Date	Event	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus Time
Thursday	December 2, 2004	Whittemore/Cayland		A	6:00	4:00
Saturday	December 4, 2004	Roscommon Invitational		A	10:00	8:45
Thursday	December 9, 2004	Easton/Rogers City		A	6:00	3:30
Saturday	December 11, 2004	Mason County Central		A	10:00	7:00
Thursday	December 16, 2004	Houghton Lake/Tawas		A	6:00	4:30
Tuesday	December 28, 2004	Freeland Invitational		A	9:00	6:00
Thursday	January 6, 2005	Farwell/Chere		H	6:00	
Saturday	January 8, 2005	Oscoda Invitational		A	9:00	6:30
Thursday	January 13, 2005	Benzie Central/Pine River		A	6:00	3:30
Thursday	January 20, 2005	TC Central/Alpena		A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	January 22, 2005	Ithaca Invitational		A	10:00	7:00
Thursday	January 27, 2005	Charlevoix/T.C. St. Francis		H	6:00	
Saturday	January 29, 2005	Ogish Invitational		A	10:00	3:30
Thursday	February 3, 2005	Mio/Osway		A	6:00	4:30
Saturday	February 5, 2005	Chadwin Invitational		A	10:00	7:30
Wednesday	February 16/17, 2005	Team Districts		TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 19, 2005	Individual Districts		TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 23, 2005	Team Regionals		TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 26, 2005	Individual Regionals		TBA	TBA	TBA

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GHS winter sports schedules revised

■ Meet schedule for ski team now available; three others updated

Game schedules for three Grayling High School winter sports teams – varsity volleyball, wrestling, and freshman boys basketball – have been updated and are different than the ones published in the November 18

edition of the Crawford County Avalanche.

The meet schedule for the varsity ski team, which was not available in time to be included

with the November 18 sports calendar, is now available.

The three recently-revised schedules and the one for the ski team are listed on this page.

Grayling Vikings Varsity Skiing 2004-2005 Schedule



Day	Date	Event	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus Time
Thursday	January 6, 2005	League Meet	@Boysie Mt.	A	4:30	TBA
Thursday	January 13, 2005	League Meet	@Nubs Nob	A	4:30	TBA
Thursday	January 20, 2005	League Meet	vs. Boysie	H	4:30	
Monday	January 24, 2005	Gaylord Invitational	@Boysie	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	January 27, 2005	League Meet	@ Boysie Mt.	A	4:30	TBA
Thursday	February 3, 2005	League Make-up Day		A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 8, 2005	League Championship				
		@Boysie Highlands		A	12:00	TBA
Thursday	February 10, 2004	Bellaire Inv.	@ Schuss Mt.	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 17, 2005	Regionals	@ Schuss Mt.	A	9:00	TBA
Tuesday	February 23, 2005	Wieland's Retirement Meet				
		@ Hanson Hills		H	4:30	
Monday	February 28, 2005	State Finals	@ Marquette Mt.	A	TBA	TBA
		(Must qualify at Regionals)				

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Grayling Vikings Freshman Boys Basketball 2004-2005 Schedule



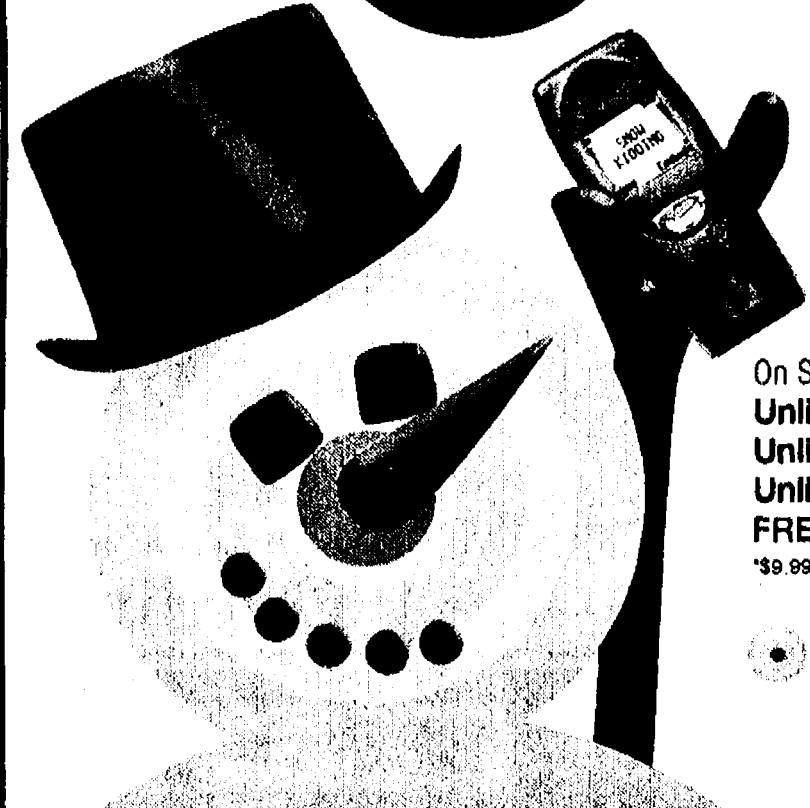
Day	Date	Event	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 8, 2004		Roscommon	A	6:00	5:00
Friday	December 10, 2004		Gaylord	A	6:00	4:30
Tuesday	December 14, 2004		West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:30	
Wednesday	December 15, 2004		Charlevoix	A	6:00	3:45
Friday	December 17, 2004		Harbor Springs	H	4:15	
Friday	December 21, 2004		Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:15	2:15
Friday	January 7, 2005		Boysie City	H	4:15	
Friday	January 11, 2005		Charlevoix	A	4:15	1:45
Friday	January 14, 2005		East Jordan	H	4:15	
Friday	January 18, 2005		Ogish	H	4:30	
Friday	January 21, 2005		Elk Rapids	H	4:15	
Friday	January 25, 2005		Kalkaska	A	4:15	2:45
Friday	January 28, 2005		Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:15	
Friday	February 4, 2005		Boysie City	A	4:15	3:35
Friday	February 8, 2005		Charlevoix	H	4:15	
Friday	February 11, 2005		East Jordan	A	4:15	1:15
Friday	February 15, 2005		Harbor Springs	A	4:15	1:00
Friday	February 18, 2005		Elk Rapids	A	4:15	1:15
Friday	February 22, 2005		Roscommon	H	4:30	
Friday	February 25, 2005		Kalkaska	H	4:15	

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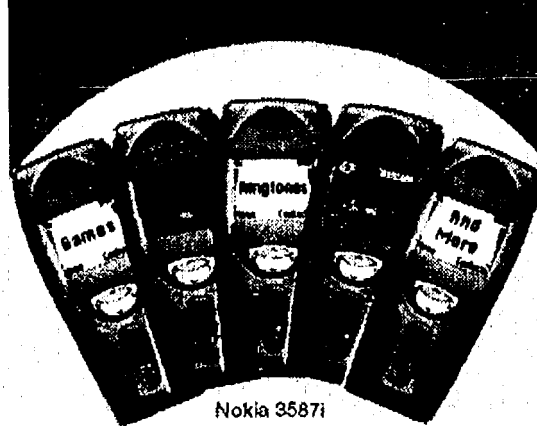


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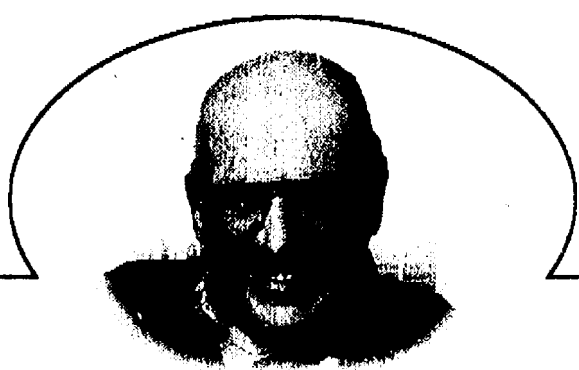
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Ernie Harwell, “the voice of the Detroit Tigers” for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie’s days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with “Miss Lulu,” his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled “Life After Baseball,” is available at bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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Mens Team
LONDON, Ontario – Tournament MVP Bernard Daniels scored 15 points to pace Kirtland to a 69-67 win Saturday over host Fanshawe in its annual Can-Am invitational at London, Ontario.

The night before, Antonio Berry scored 18 points and Dave Allison and Frank Washington had 17 each to lead the Firebirds to a 92-73 win over Durham.

The victories lifted Kirtland to 2-2 for the season.

In the championship game, Kirtland had a 35-31 lead at the intermission and held off a hard second-half charge. Vic Hamilton and Antonio Berry had eight points each, and Craig Ash contributed 10 rebounds.

Josh Brady led Fanshawe, 7-5, with 20 points.

Allison and Washington also were named to the all-tournament

team.

LANSING – Clark Woods scored 30 points and Wade Duncan added 21 to power Lansing to a 102-92 win Tuesday night over visiting Kirtland.

Antonio Berry led Kirtland with 19 points, followed by Bernard Daniels with 16, Frank Washington with 15 and Dave Allison with 14.

The loss dropped Kirtland to 2-3. Lansing improved to 3-0.

Womens Team
BATTLE CREEK – Kirtland's Lady Firebirds are still looking for their first win under rookie Coach Teresa Stuck after dropping a pair of games over the weekend at the Kellogg CC Classic.

Saturday, Kirtland fell, 74-62, to Edison (Ohio) CC despite getting 19 points from Casey Burrows and 17 more from Kenzie Steward.

Edison's Amanda Westgerds led a well-rounded attack with 12 points.

On Friday, the Lady Firebirds appeared headed for their first

win of the season with a 29-23 lead over Olney (Ohio) at the intermission.

However, they committed 29 team turnovers, contributing to Edison's 51-point second half en route to a 74-53 win.

Steward, a sophomore forward, led the Ladybirds in that game with 14 points.

Burrows was named to the all-tournament team.

LANSING – Sophomore Kenzie Steward scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Kirtland to a 95-90 triumph Tuesday, giving first-year Coach Teresa Stuck her first collegiate victory.

Amanda Cooper scored 16 points and Casey Burrows and Meghan Bastian each added 14 for the Lady Firebirds, 1-4.

Jessie Teubert scored 27 points to lead Lansing, also 1-4.

"This was a huge team win," Stuck said, "and those are the best kind."

Stuck, 23, a former Houghton Lake prep star, is in her first year on the bench at Kirtland.

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy L. Hubbard, a married woman and Thomas L. Hubbard, husband of Tracy L. Hubbard, original mortgagor(s), to Watson Group Financial Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 1996, and recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 451, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, FSB as assignee by an assignment dated February 14, 1996 recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 458, in Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven And 44/100 Dollars (\$59,811.44), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 15, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: commencing at the center of said Section 29, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes West (along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 29), 387.8 feet, thence South 34 degrees 02 minutes West, 408.25 feet; thence South 17 degrees 05 minutes West, 684.00 feet; thence South 71 degrees 54 minutes West, 525.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds West, 33 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes West, 131.15 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 573.0 feet, thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East, 40 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 129.4 feet to the left bank of the Manistee River, thence Northeasterly (along said river bank), 160 feet, thence South 36 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, 592.5 feet, thence South 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 123.85 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the water's edge of the Manistee River, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 11, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger and/or name change to Bank of America, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #039810101

-11-18-15-2

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey and Robin L. Ramsey, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 499, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 98/100 Dollars (\$66,929.98), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4

of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC S 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File # 038463F01

-25-2-9-16

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Five And 06/100 Dollars (\$44,505.06), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 2, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, L.L.C.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #010075F03

-2-9-16-23

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela J. Riefstahl and Rudolf M. Riefstahl III, wife and husband in Joint tenancy, original mortgagor(s), to North Michigan Financial, Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2001, and recorded on November 8, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 272, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment dated June 11, 2002 recorded on July 30, 2002 in Liber 590 on Page 218, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 44/100 Dollars

(\$70,510.44), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC S 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File # 040714F01

-25-2-9-16

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting November 5, 2004

Members Present: Dale French, Ruth O'Mara, Lacey Stephan III, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Gary Rossi, Attorney for Midwest Claims Service representing Grayling Township in the 6131 W M-72 Hwy litigation.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Motion by O'Mara, second by French, to close regular session and go into executive session to confer with legal counsel. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, second by French to close executive session at 11:10 a.m. and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting November 12, 2004

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III, Ruth O'Mara, Dale French, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Gary Rossi & Rick Willson of Midwest Claims Service, David Birchler, Planning Consultant, Brad VanAlter, owner of 6131 W M-72 Hwy, Greg Lord, Attorney for 6131 W M-72 Hwy.

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss litigation of proposed business at 6131 W M-72 Hwy.

Motion by Stephan, second by O'Mara, to close regular session and go into executive session. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara to close executive session and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried. (12:28 p.m.)

Motion by O'Mara, second by Stephan, to authorize Supervisor Wright to hire appraisal for 6131 W M-72 Hwy. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ashton, second by French, carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting and Public Hearings

November 10, 2004

6:45 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Members Present: Ruth O'Mara, Lacey Stephan, Terry Wright, Dale French

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following quotation for services:

Beaver Removal

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Beaver Bid**.

"The Crawford County Road Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, disability, race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burich, Commissioner

Members Absent: Monica Ashton
Others Present: Terrell Warrington, Lorrie Bartho, Lynda Hetrick

Supervisor opened the public hearing of necessity for creation of a Special Assessment District for Maintenance of Private Roads in Pinehurst Subdivision. It was explained that a petition has been filed from over 50% of property owners of frontage of Fiddlewood Drive and Turkey Run in Pinehurst Subdivision requesting snowplowing and maintenance. Subsequent to this hearing a decision will be made by the Township Board regarding whether there is sufficient necessity to authorize the Supervisor to create a tentative Special Assessment Roll which will include proposed amounts, parcels and numbers of years to be assessed.

Preliminary estimate from Jack Millikin, Inc.: Cost per year for five years \$5,600.00. Contract would cover all snow plowing, blading road when needed if proper moisture is in the soil and applying Millikin mix gravel in soft areas up to 100 yards per year. EXCEPTION: The hill between lot 2-21-22 needs much more gravel and maintenance than this contract covers, any left over materials will be applied to this hill.

Correspondence in favor: Joe Schwartz, Bob Mills, Jean Reynolds.
Correspondence in opposition: Thomas Lowry.

Public hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m. 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Members Present: Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Lacey Stephan, Terry Wright, Dale French.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dave Noelke, Irwin Small, Susan Thiel of MDNR, Patrick Potter of MDNR, Donald Marshall, Terry Bowman, Steve Hickman, J.C. Millikin, Jerry Hammond, Audrey Hammond, Julie Hickman.

Supervisor opened the public hearing of the Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Greentree Road Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District.

During the first public hearing held in October it was noted that a portion of Greentree Road crosses state land. Susan Thiel and Patrick Potter of MI Dept. of Natural Resources were present to explain the ramifications of the encroachment of the road on state land. It was explained that the portion of the road that passes the last six lots is on state land and not on the legal easement. State policy is that no improvements can be made to the road without obtaining a legal easement from the State of Michigan or relocating the road to its legal easement if there is one.

Susan Thiel explained the procedure for application to the state for a legal easement. She advised they can probably continue plowing as historically done while pursuing easements or alternate access but other improvements to the road should not be made.

Public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. 7:15 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Members present: Same as 7:00 p.m. hearing. Members Absent: None. Others present: None

Supervisor Wright called the regular meeting of the Grayling Township Board to order at 7:15 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by O'Mara, second by Stephan, that considering opinions from property owners of Pinehurst Subdivision at a public hearing held earlier this evening, this Board approves the creation of a Special Assessment District for Private Road Maintenance of Fiddlewood Drive and Turkey Run in Pinehurst Subdivision. This motion authorizes the Supervisor to draw a Tentative Special Assessment Roll to be presented at a Public Hearing to be held December 8, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to deny the Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Private Road Maintenance of Greentree Road and dissolve the Special Assessment District due to the notice from the Michigan DNR that portions of the road cross state land without legal easement. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by O'Mara, second by Stephan, to approve minutes of October 13, 2004 regular meeting and October 18, 2004 special meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report for September 2004 was distributed and placed on file.

5. Correspondence: (No action required) Fire Dept Report for Oct 04, Chamber News for Sept 04.

6. Motion by Wright, second by Stephan, to adopt the following Resolution for Recognition of Service for Teresa Furst.

RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS, after 18-years of dedicat-

ed employment, Teresa Furst will be retiring from Grayling Township at the end of the work day on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, and

WHEREAS, through the years of her employment, Teresa Furst has served in multiple capacities as a receptionist, building department manager, office manager and Deputy Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, Teresa Furst has served the township and the community in an exemplary manner with the highest degree of professionalism, through her knowledge, courtesy, efficiency, preparation, promptness, general hard work and dedication, and

WHEREAS, she is not only an exemplary employee, but a good friend to all her co-workers and the public she has served, and

WHEREAS, Teresa Furst's contributions have been sincerely appreciated by the elected public servants of Grayling Township who know that no one will ever serve the public as well as Teresa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that November 29, 2004 shall be "Teresa Furst Day" in Grayling Township, whereby all her friends are invited to the Grayling Township Offices to wish her and her family their heartfelt congratulations and the best in health and happiness in her retirement, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the entire staff of Grayling Township extend our sincere thanks for a job well done and best wishes in retirement.

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Drafts of proposed amendment to the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance regarding establishing an R-3 (Residential -3) zone were distributed for study. Supervisor was advised to take the proposed changes to public hearing before the Grayling Township Planning Commission.

8. Motion by French/second by O'Mara, to accept the G.T. Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt an amendment to Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-2, to be known as Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2004-2 regulating single-wide mobile homes.

(SHE) Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-2, Section 3.12

MOBILE HOMES; AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING (page III-4)

Insert as the first sentence in paragraph A:

"Single-wide mobile homes SHALL NOT be manufactured more than eight (8) years prior to the current year to be considered for placement on any property in Grayling Township as a conforming structure."

The Ordinance takes effect thirty days after publication: December 24, 2004.

Vote: Ayes; five; Nays; none. Motion carried.

9. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to adopt Grayling City/Twp Fire Dept fee schedule for Construction Plan Review and Fire Suppression Plan Review for commercial properties. (See attachment "A") Ayes; five; Nays; none. Motion carried.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by French, to authorize Supervisor to work with Grayling Generating Station to choose qualified appraiser to determine market value of their property to resolve assessment protest with the Tax Tribunal and set value for 2005. All ayes, motion carried.

(See attachment "B")

11. Contract with Kleen-Rite Services for lawn/windows and carpet in Township Hall will soon expire. Supervisor is advised to advertise for bids in the Crawford County Avalanche.

12. Request from Grayling Recreation Authority for donation for new roof on garage. It was noted that the \$2,000.00 budgeted for G.R.A. for fiscal year 04-05 has been expended for computers at Hanson Hills. Request will be kept on file and considered for the 05-06 General Fund Budget.

13. Motion by Stephan, seconded by French, to authorize Deputy Treasurer to attend training seminar in Grayling on November 30, 2004. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Stephan, seconded by French, to authorize newly elected trustees to attend training seminar in Gaylord or Houghton Lake on Dec 9th or 10th. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by French, second by Stephan, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 2822-2860, Guardian Dental \$468.43, Fire Dept Qly loan payment, Board & Comm. fees for Oct., Election Inspectors, and Liquor Inspectors for a grand total of \$44,834.93. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, second by Stephan, carried. All ayes.
Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2006, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (formerly Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$528,489) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; One Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$150,584) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and approximately One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for facility renovation and expansion, replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings as are eligible for capital project support.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file which may be accessed using equipment available at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 348-8215

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"
"Proposals from Certified DBA/WBE Vendors are Requested"

COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE RECOUNT FOR GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Please take notice the Crawford County Board of Canvassers have scheduled a special board meeting to conduct a recount on the votes cast for the Grayling Township trustee position in each of the 5 Grayling Township precincts (302, 304, 305, 306 & 307) From the November 2, 2004 general election. The recount will take place in the Crawford County Courthouse on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register
Nov. 21, 2004

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 3, 1981 - Mark Hartman (right) and Gary McLaughlin (left), owners of River Valley Foodland, give a \$255 check to Irv McIsaac, chairman of the Grayling Youth Booster Club Athletic Fund. River Valley Foodland donated five percent of all receipts from one special day of business.

23 Years Ago December 3, 1981

Vandalism caused a four-hour electrical outage to over 3,000 Top O' Michigan members last Sunday in Grayling, Lovells and Luzerne areas. Gun shots breaking a string of insulators on a Northern Michigan Electric Cooperative's transmission line knocked out power to all three phases of the Lovells sub-station.

This year's varsity basketball team from Grayling High School is made up of Brad Emerick, Jim Hill, Monte D'Amour, Brad Trenary, Jamie Radebaugh, Ryan Morford, Paul Hamlin, Wayne Ross, Jim Schrader, Tracy Fagan, Ted Methner with head coach Butch Hayes, assistant head coach Gerry St.Germain and manager Brock Denton.

At little after 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, November 24th the call came to the Grayling Volunteer Fire Department that the paint shop, or sign shop at Hartwick Pines was aflame. The paint shop was totally destroyed and the fire lasted for over four hours. Up to this time the cause of the fire has not been determined by the Fire Marshall. Firefighter John Smock suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment then sent home.

An Essay contest was held at the local Cancer Society for all middle school students. After careful consideration of all entries received from the students the Cancer Society has named the following students winners for their grades: 6th grade are Alison Wyman and Steve Lehti; 7th grade are Ronda Larson and Tammy Welch and 8th

grade are Tina Meldrum and George Duncan. Each student will receive a T-shirt prize.

The Crawford County Road Commission received about \$60,000 less during 1980-81 than it received in 1979-80 from state transportation revenues. The city of Grayling received a \$7,000 cut in revenues. State Transportation Director John P. Woodford explained, "Cars are getting smaller and they're getting better mileage, and the grant bulk of transportation revenues comes from fuel taxes based on the amount consumed and the license plate fees based on the weight of the vehicle. Coupled with the decline in the steady increase in the cost of maintaining our systems. Everybody - the state, the counties, the municipalities - are being squeezed from both ends."

46 Years Ago December 4, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson are the parents of a son, Scott Herbert, born to them on December 1st.

On Saturday, November 29th, the Jansen's celebrated their son David's 8th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. William Horn of Saginaw, were here for David's birthday dinner and also for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Rose Nill, 55, of Grayling is a patient at Grayling Mercy Hospital where her condition is described at "satisfactory" after being found in the woods in Lyons Township, Roscommon. She had spent the night lost in the woods in temperatures nearing the zero mark Sunday night. She was suffering from shock and exposure when found by five volunteer searchers. State Police theorized that she had wounded a deer and became lost in

attempting to trail it in the snow-clogged woods.

69 Years Ago December 5, 1935

"Dutch" Niederer's little men have experienced an increase in number during the past week. The little fellow has been given the name of John Jay and arrived Saturday morning. The family now consists of one girl and five husky boys.

92 Years Ago December 5, 1912

Jesse Bobenmoyer, a M.C. brakeman, while working on the Lewiston Branch, stepped from a flat car into the presence of a big bear. Brother Bruin offered his paw for a friendly shake, but Jesse offended in some way, took for the track. The bear, equally surprised, made his escape into the swamp nearby.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons have added a traveling salesman to their sales force; Irving Hodge is now carrying a grip for this firm.

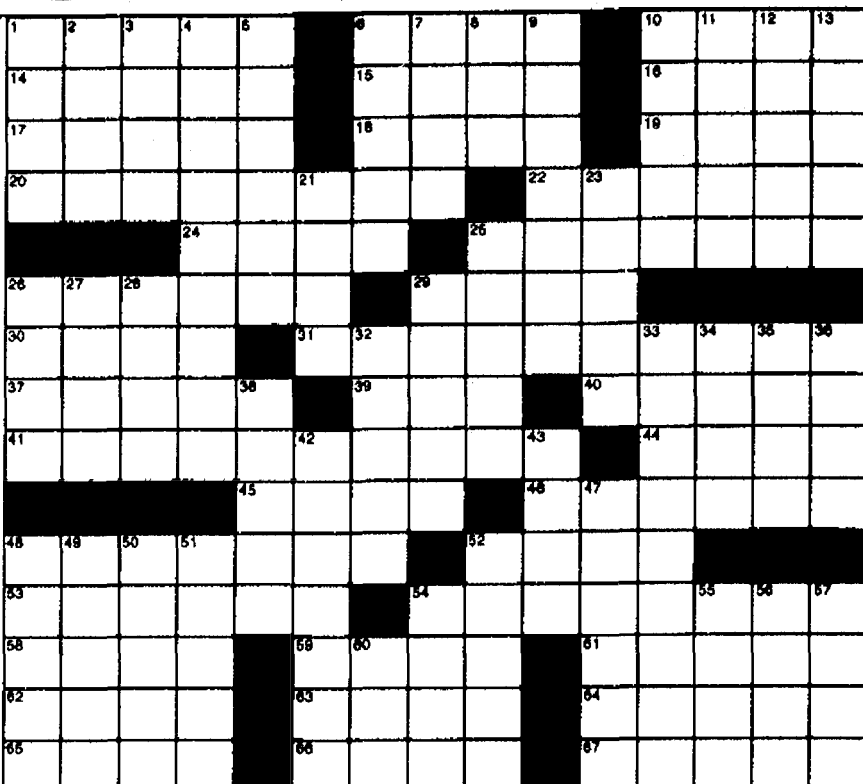
Earl Annis, little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Annis, got three fingers caught in the feed grinder, the result was painful but not serious.

Correction: The November 18, 2004 Avalanche "Years Past" the following clip was listed in November 21, 1935 and should have been in November 20, 1938:

In Frederic News - Aubrey Welch was among the lucky hunters to get his buck the first morning of deer season.

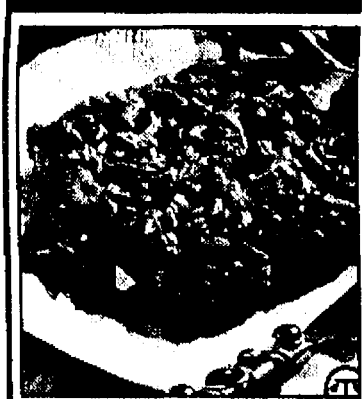
The Ladies Missionary Society held an all day meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Max Tobin. Clothes were packed and sent to the needy.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Owens, four-time gold medal winner in 1936 Olympics.
 - Native of Thailand.
 - Acronym for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.
 - Acronym for Alliance Operating System.
 - Applies pressure to a surface.
 - Adam... General Motor's principal car-making European subsidiary.
 - To place by decree.
 - One that uses.
 - Dried and withered.
 - Mel Gibson movie based on James Garner TV show.
 - Underlying ideological plan.
 - Historical period.
 - Supplied with oxygen.
 - Spanish for "pretty."
 - Spindle of such a beam.
 - Alumna.
 - So unimportant as to warrant little attention.
 - Makes agitated and angry.
 - John... discovered only navigable Northwest Passage.
 - Slang for money.
 - Member of the extremist wing of the Russian Social Democratic party.
 - To remove by violence.
 - Howland, played a Yankee businessman in Gone with the Wind.
 - Stands on ends.
 - Name of large 1960s occupational and general population health surveys taken in Scotland.
 - File closely.
 - On the opposite side.
 - Rules incompetently.
 - Norse god of thunder.
 - One more recently referred to.
 - Flat.
 - Encircling anatomical structure.
 - Charged subatomic particles.
 - Spirits of an ancient Roman household.
 - Monetary units in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
 - Center of population of significant size.
 - To rub out.
- DOWN**
- Acronym for Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery.
 - Enchanted, upcoming movie starring Anne Hathaway.
 - Person whose native tongue is a Slavic language.
 - Now and then.
 - Liveliness of mind.
 - Respite from a disagreeable action.
 - Outer layer.
 - Vigoda, Fish on Barney Miller.
 - Referring to the people or republic of Israel.
 - Alcea... Hollyhock.
 - Drained of energy.
 - Westernmost point of Africa.
 - To argue a case in a court of law.
 - Among the Mohammedans a minister who performs the regular service on the mosque.
 - Rainwater, Running Buck Cross on Young Riders.
 - Shafts on which a wheel revolves.
 - Plant hair or bristle ending in a hook.
 - Hodgepodge.
 - Amounting to nothing.
 - Once more.
 - Sam... chairman of Select Committee to investigate Watergate.
 - Lacking perfect symmetry.
 - To have come or gone.
 - To give temporarily.
 - Brings to a conclusion.
 - Small retail stores.
 - Capable of recovering shape after deformation.
 - Large casks for wine.
 - Color between violet and red.
 - Flat piece of unleavened bread eaten especially during Passover.
 - Thin watery or blood-tinged discharge.
 - One that lives on the labors of others.
 - Sources of pain.
 - Timid person.
 - Place where money is manufactured.
 - Joe... Tarzan in TV movie Tarzan in Manhattan.
 - Acronym for European Network for Earth System Modelling.
 - Amount to which one is subjected.
 - Acronym for Heart of Illinois.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



SWEET POTATO PRALINE COFFEE CAKE

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|-------|---|-----|--|
| 4 | Tbsp. butter or margarine | 1 | can (15 oz.) sweet potatoes (yams), drained and mashed or 1 cup fresh, mashed sweet potatoes |
| 2/3 | cup plus 3 Tbsp. light brown sugar, divided | 1/3 | cup skim milk |
| 2 | Tbsp. light corn syrup | 1/4 | cup dried cranberries |
| 1/2 | cup chopped pecans | | |
| 2 1/2 | cups biscuit baking mix | | |

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a 9x9x2" square baking pan, melt margarine in the oven. Stir in 2/3 cup brown sugar and corn syrup; spread evenly in pan. Sprinkle with pecans. In a large mixing bowl, beat together biscuit baking mix, sweet potatoes and milk until dough forms a ball. Turn dough onto a surface dusted with baking mix, knead several times and roll or pat into a 12-inch rectangle. Sprinkle with 3 Tbsp. brown sugar and cranberries. Fold dough into thirds, folding each end to center. Cut crosswise into 1" strips and arrange strips sitting on top of pecan mixture in pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately turn upside down onto serving plate. Makes 12 servings.

Find the Twins

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by Calvin Kangas

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HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 2, 2004

 Capricorn December 22-January 19 You've had enough of the spotlight. If possible, plan a quiet weekend at home. A special date deserves recognition.	 Aries March 21-April 19 Friends admire your craftiness and ask you to do something for them. It will be a challenge, but you have the talent and know-how, so say yes.	 Cancer June 22-July 22 Plans to get away for the weekend fall through. Try not to get too upset. A better opportunity will soon arise.	 Libra September 23-October 22 Persistent thoughts turn into money. A friend is in trouble don't be the hero. Instead, step aside and let them figure out the problem on their own.
 Taurus April 20-May 20 Don't shy away from criticism this week. What others have to say could prove beneficial. A dilemma at home requires a creative solution.	 Leo July 23-August 22 Coworkers make a fuss over your proposal. Accept their praise. Who knows when you will again hear so many compliments.	 Scorpio October 23-November 21 Avoid what's going on at work this week. Too many people are involved as it is. You will only make things worse.	 Sagittarius November 22-December 21 You've been put in more than your fair share of time in the office. Make your boss knows A friend needs a favor.
 Gemini January 20-February 18 Nagging health concerns plague an old friend. Be supportive and help them find ways to cope. A letter makes you smile.	 Virgo August 23-September 22 Something fishy is going on at home. Put on your detective hat and start snooping. You may be surprised by what you uncover.	 Aquarius January 19-February 18 Family pushes you to the edge. Take some time to yourself to recoup. A project at work is completed. Celebrate with an evening out.	

WEATHER

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Last Week				Extended Forecast							
Date	H	L	Rain								
11/25	31	18	0.02	High 33	Low 19	High 36	Low 23	High 42	Low 30	High 43	Low 27
11/26	30	24	0.37	High 37	Low 24	High 40	Low 27	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 29
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11/29	31	23	0.11	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 29
11/30	35	23	0	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 30	High 43	Low 29

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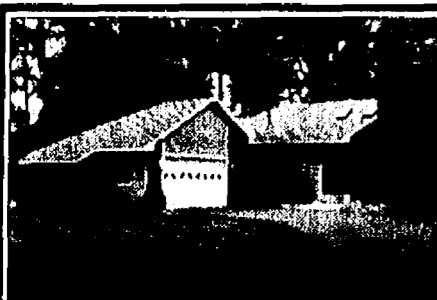
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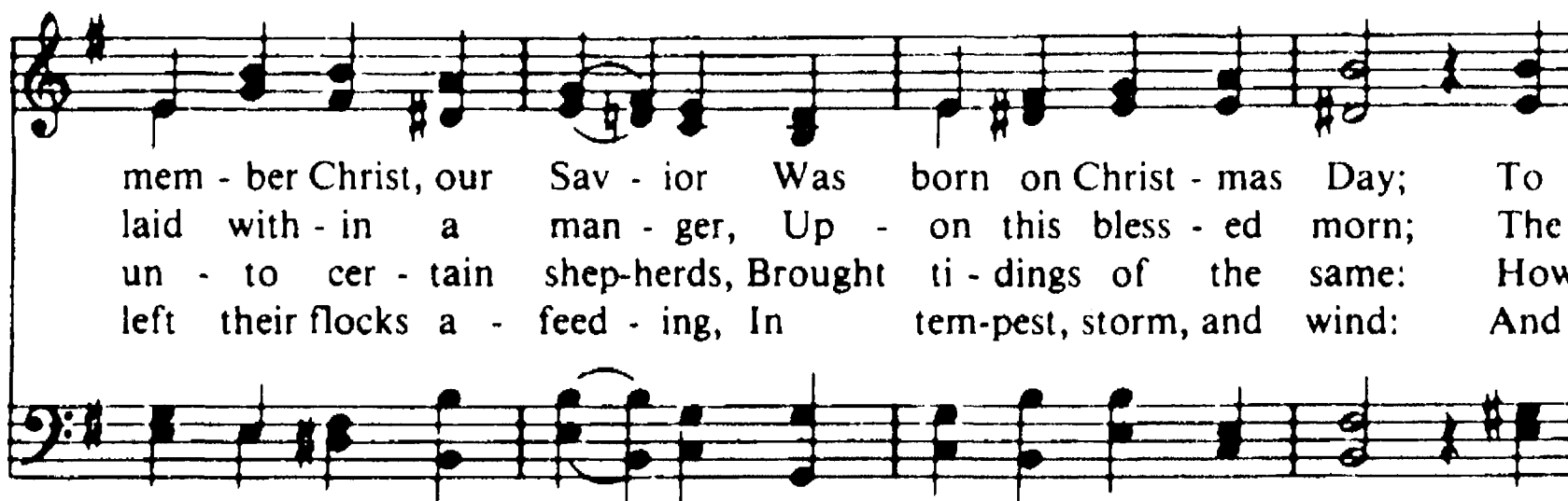
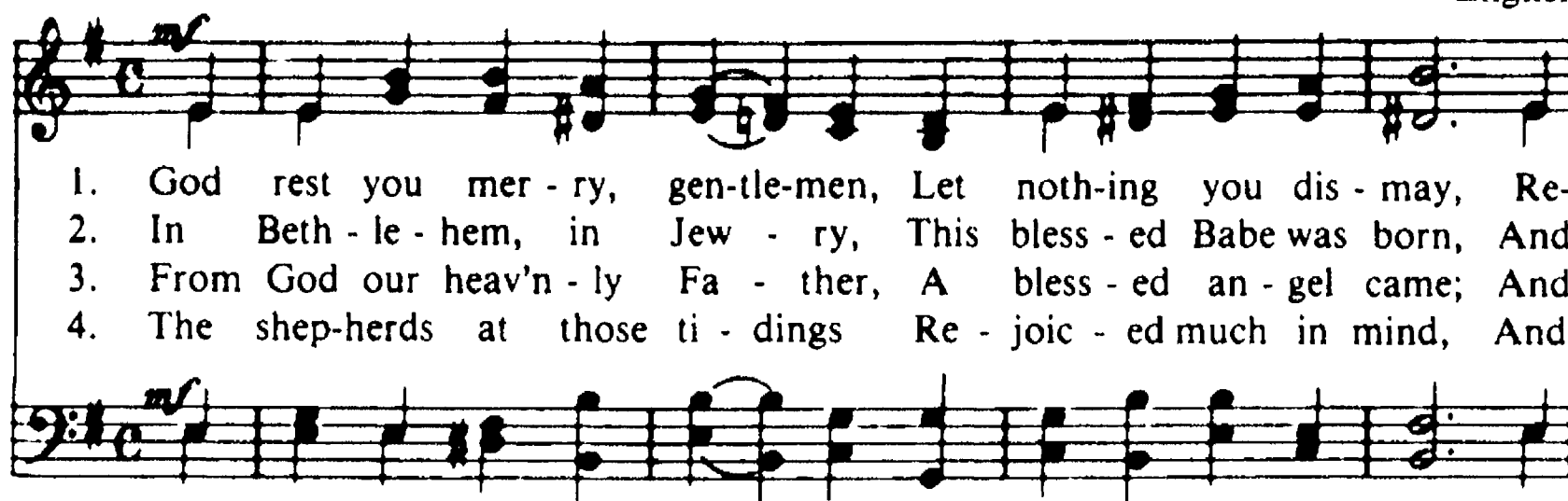
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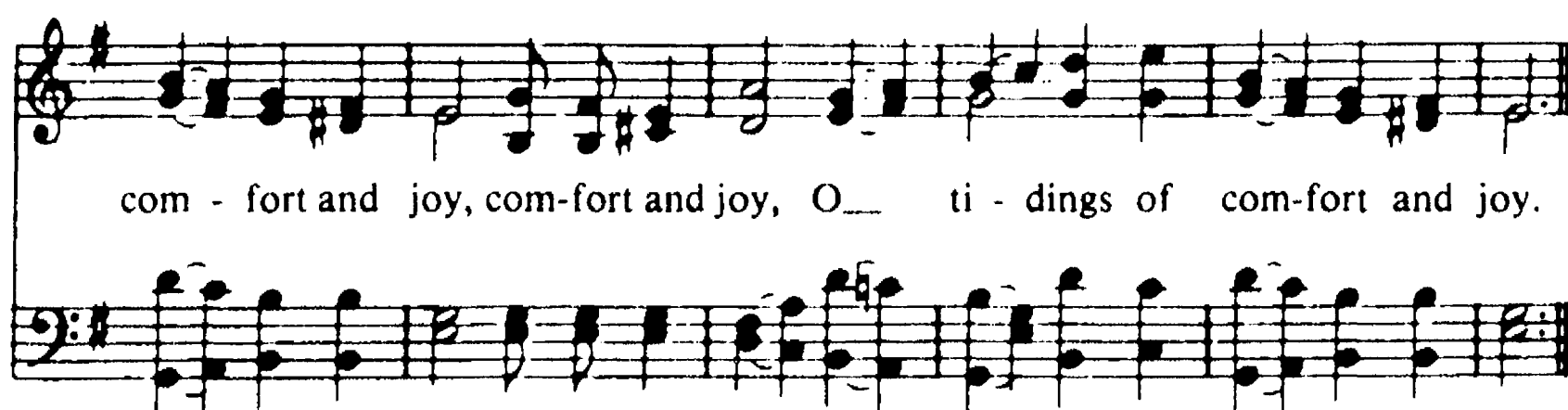
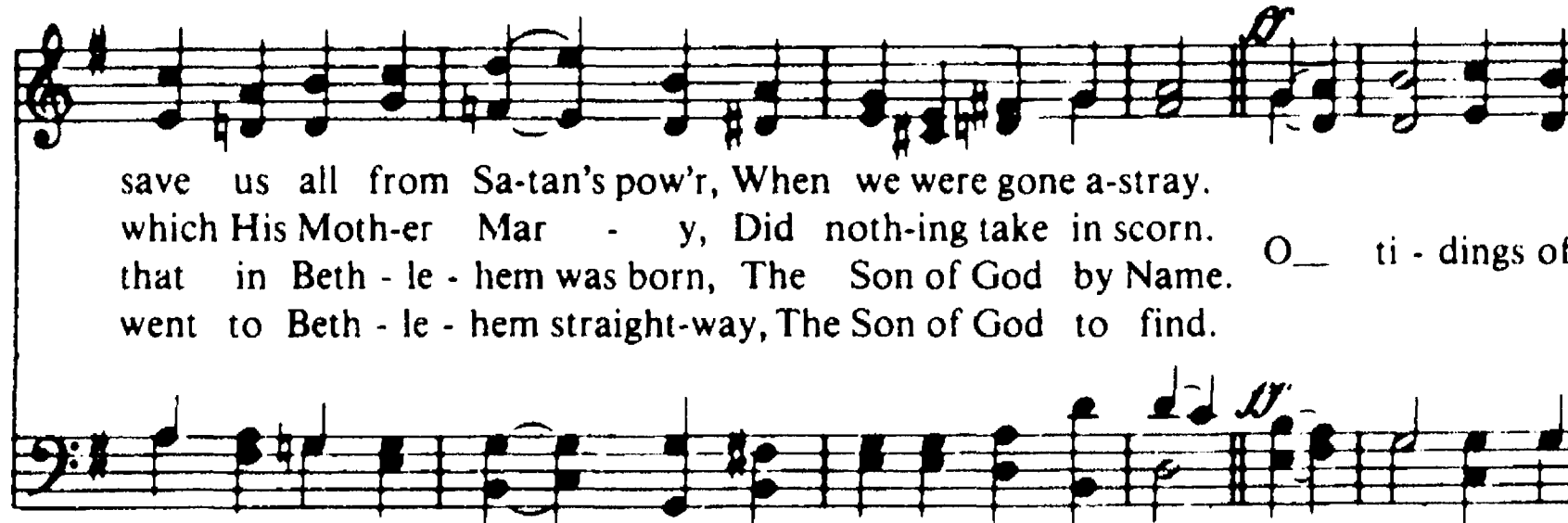
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 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

1. earth re - ceive her King; Let
 2. all their songs em - ploy, While
 3. thorns in - fest the ground; He
 4. makes the na - tions prove The

1. ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 2. fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 3. comes to make his bless - ings
 4. glo - ries of his right - eous



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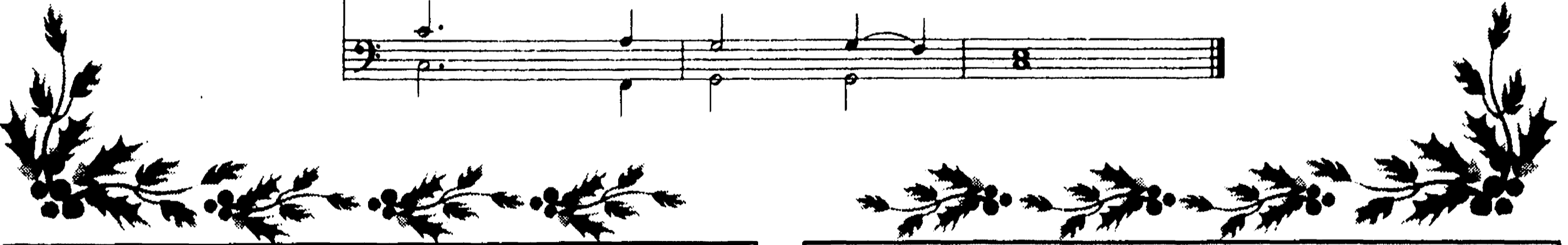
1. room, _____ And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
2. plains _____ Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
3. flow _____ Far as the curse is found, Far
4. ness, _____ And won - ders of his love, And

And heav'n and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is
And won - ders of his

1. heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and
2. peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re -
3. as the curse is found, Far as, far
4. won - ders of his love, And won - ders,

sing, joy, found, love, And heav'n and na - ture sing, joy, found, love, And
Re - peat as the the sound - ing is found, Re -
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1. heav'n _____ and na - ture sing.
2. peat _____ the sound - ing joy.
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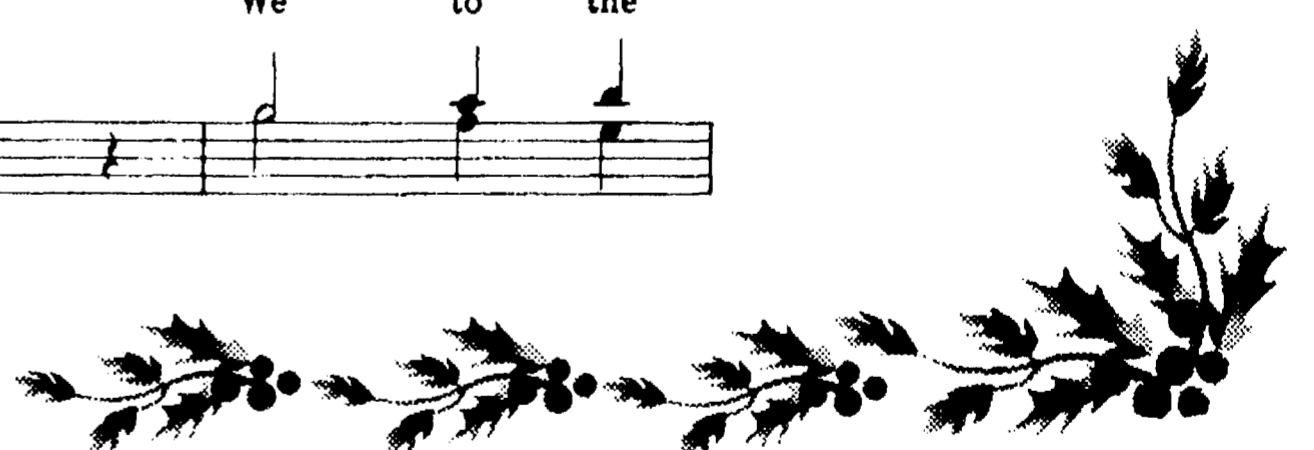


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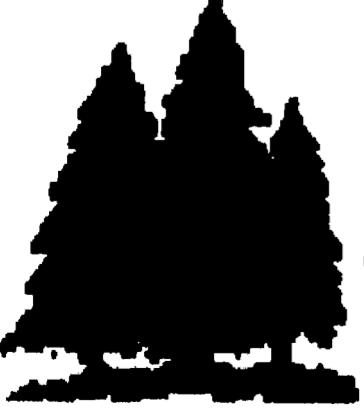
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -
2. True God of true God, Light of Light e -
3. See how the shep - herds sum - moned to his
4. Lo, star - led chief - tains, wise men, Christ a -

1. um - phant, O come ye, O come — ye to
2. ter - nal, Lo, he ab - hors — not the
3. cra - dle, Leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with
4. dor - ing, Of - fer him in - cense,

1. Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
2. Vir - gin's womb; Son of the
3. ho - ly fear; We too will
4. gold — and myrrh; We to the



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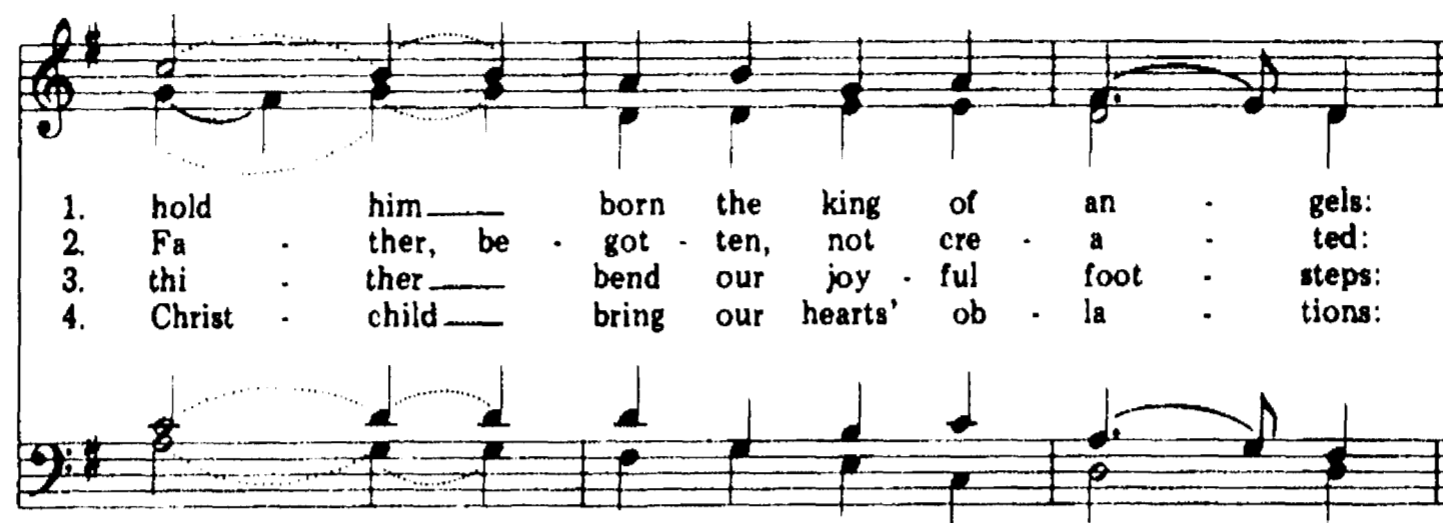
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 3. thi — ther — bend our joy — ful foot — steps:
 4. Christ — child — bring our hearts' ob — la — tions:

Refrain



O come, let us a — dore him, O come, let us a — dore him, O



come, let us a — dore him, — Christ — the Lord!

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
 Fain we embrace thee with love and awe;
 Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
6. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:
 "Glory to God, glory in the highest:"
7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

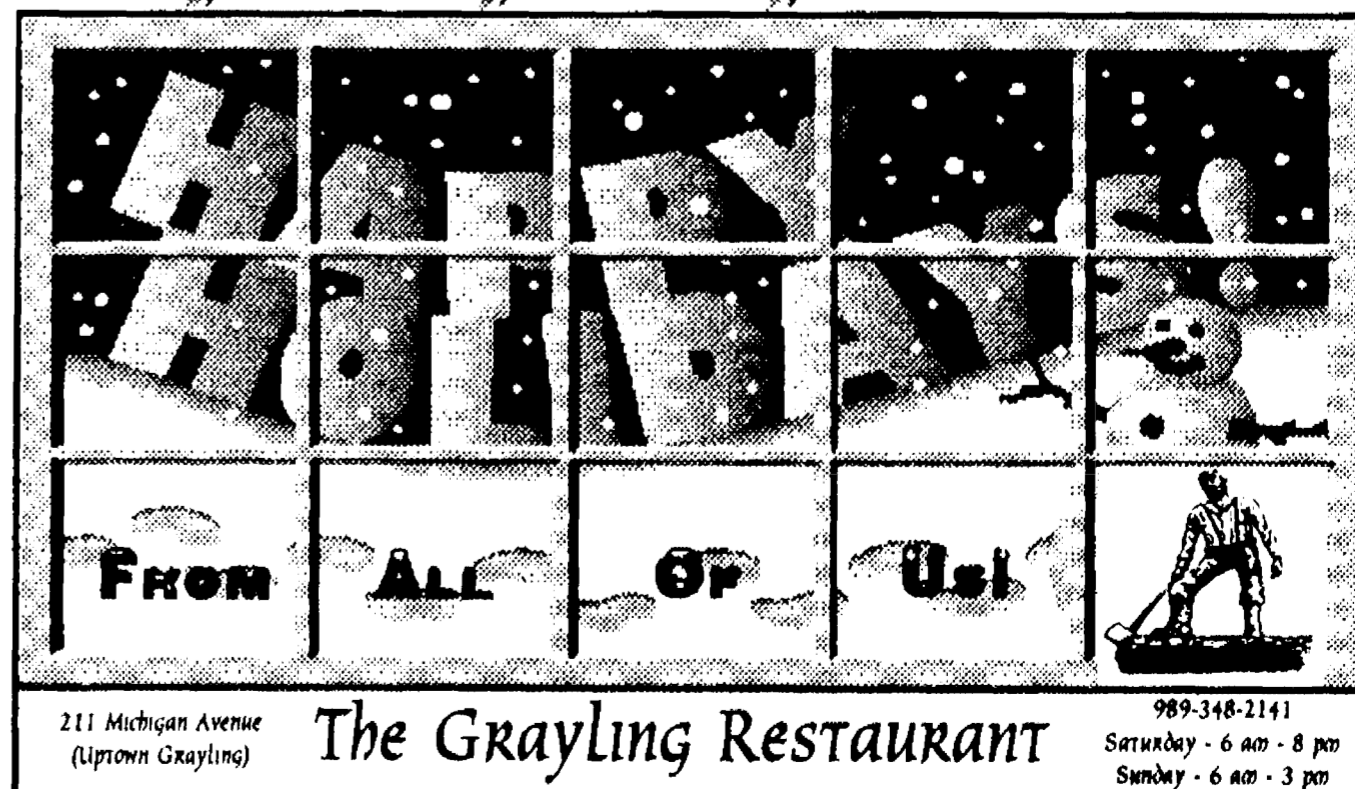
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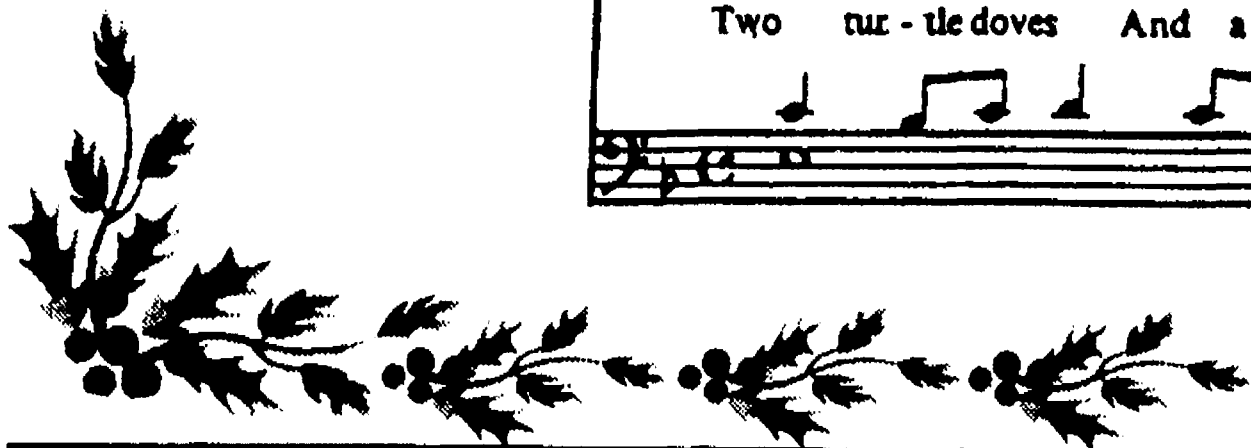
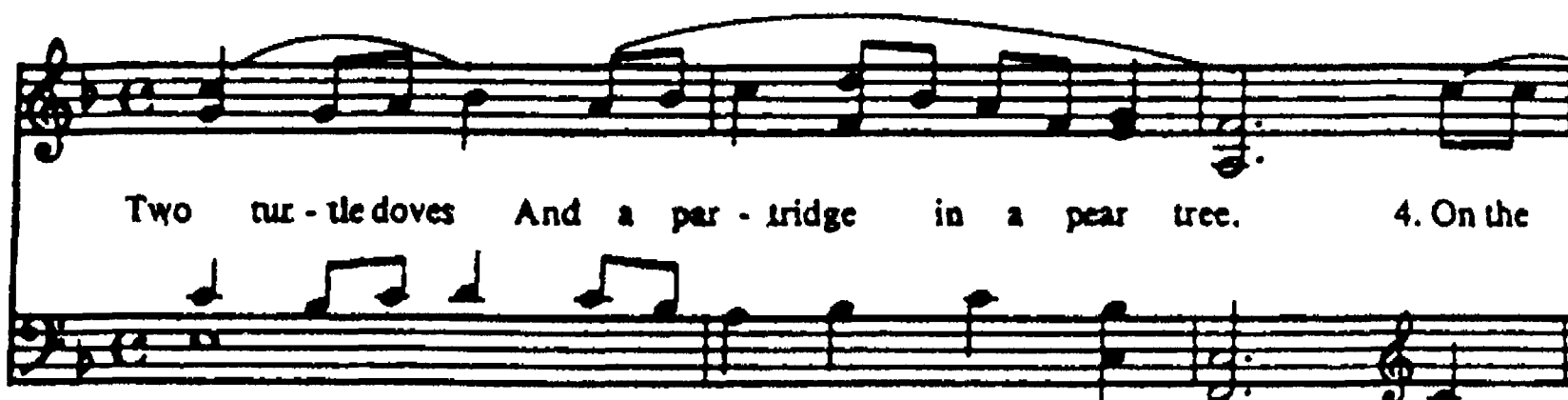
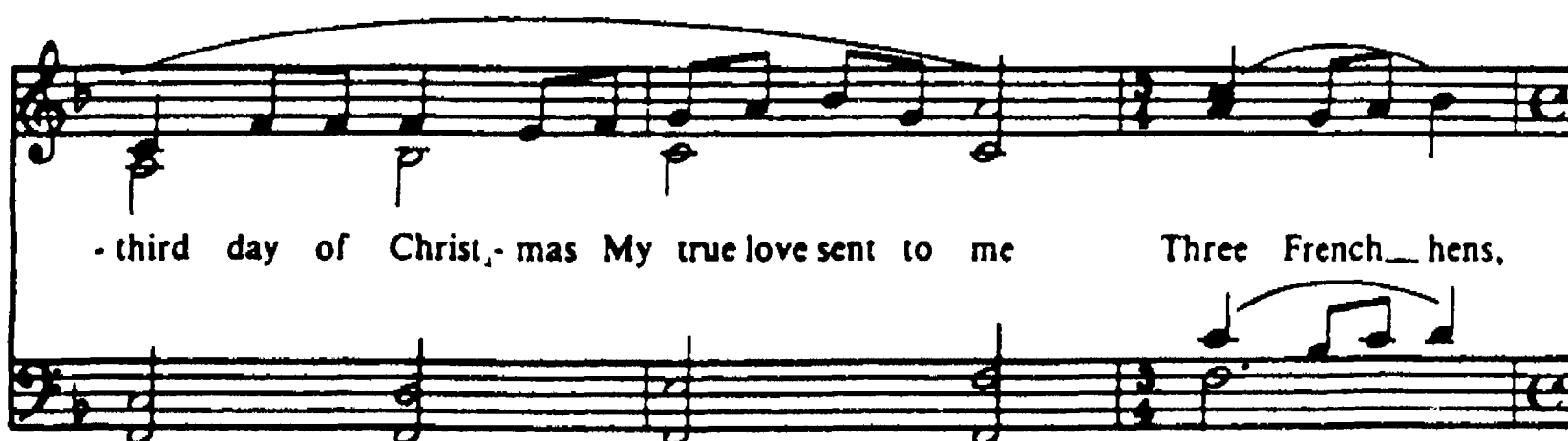


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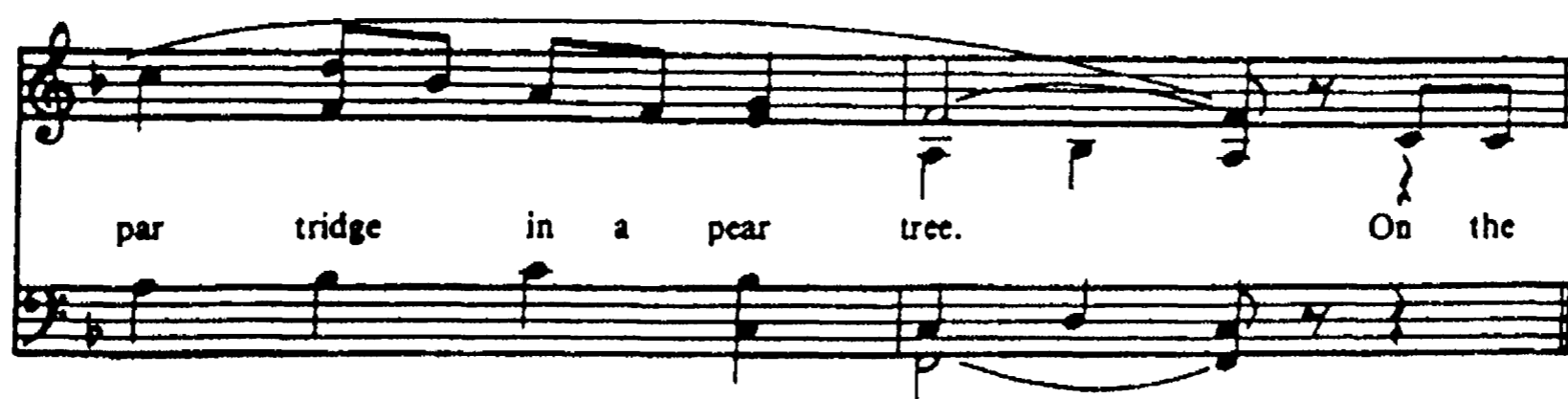
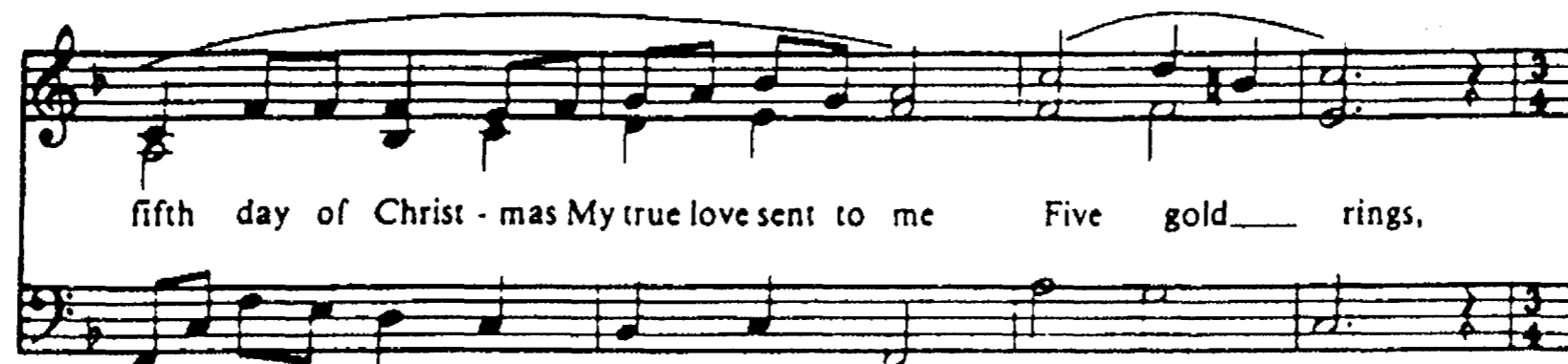
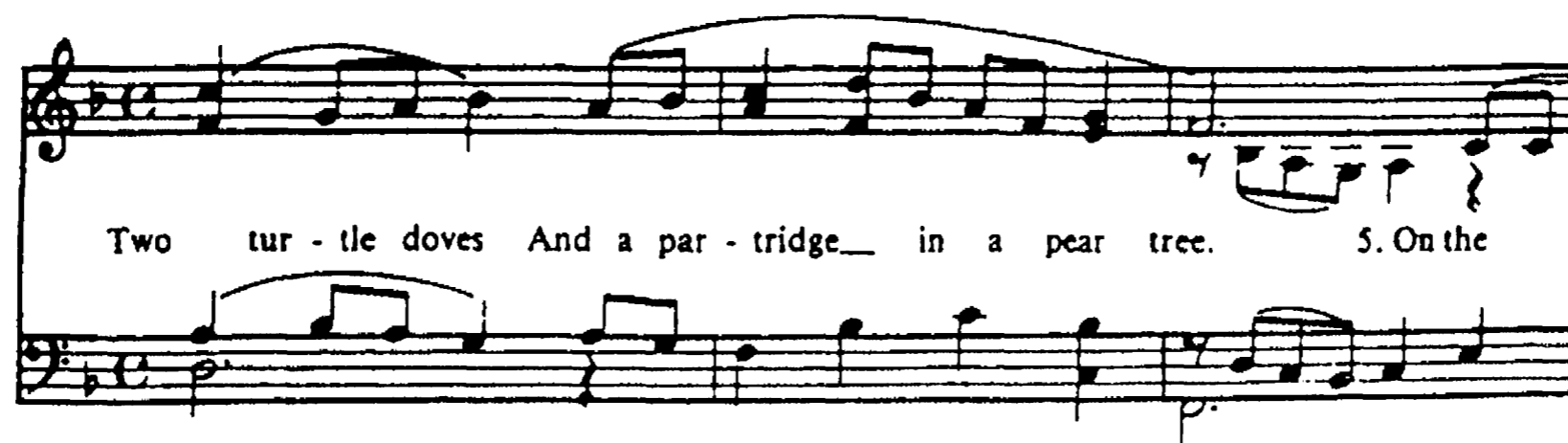
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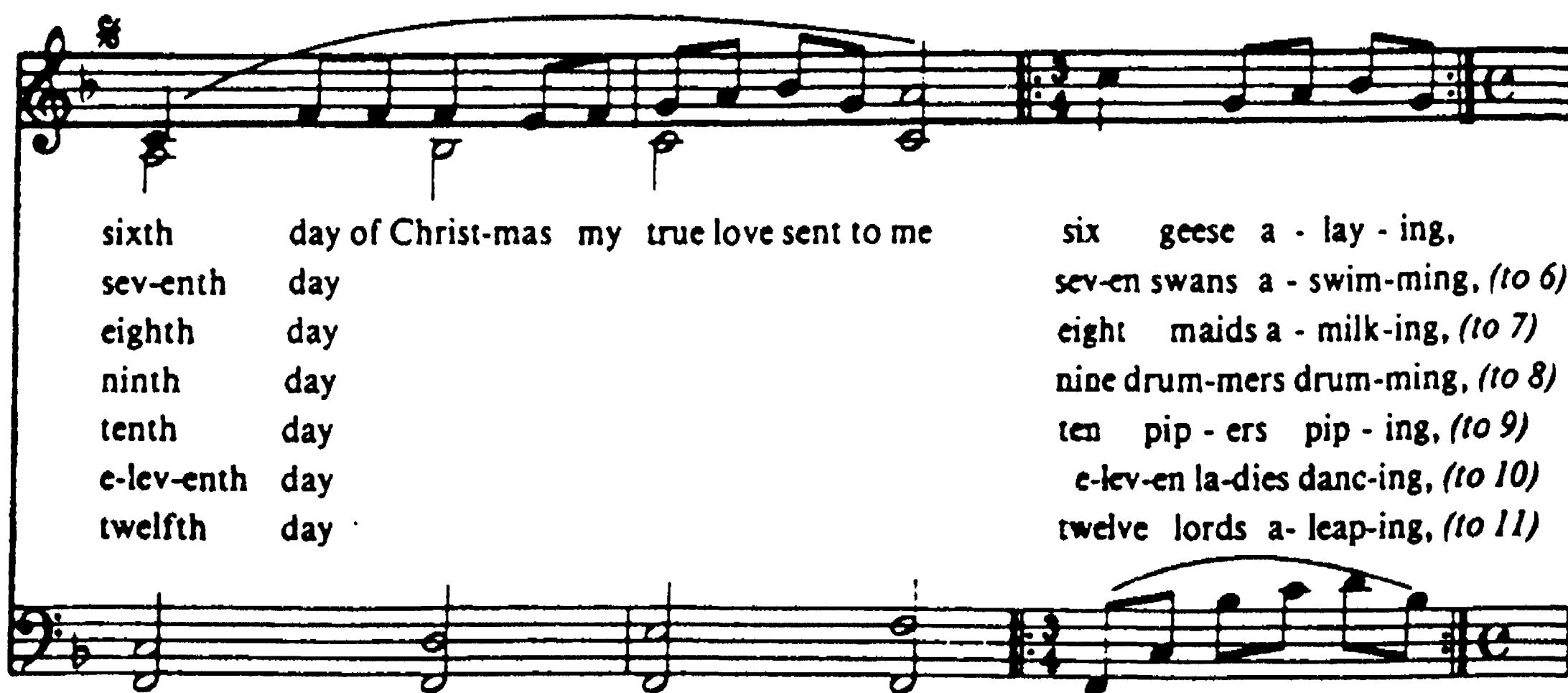
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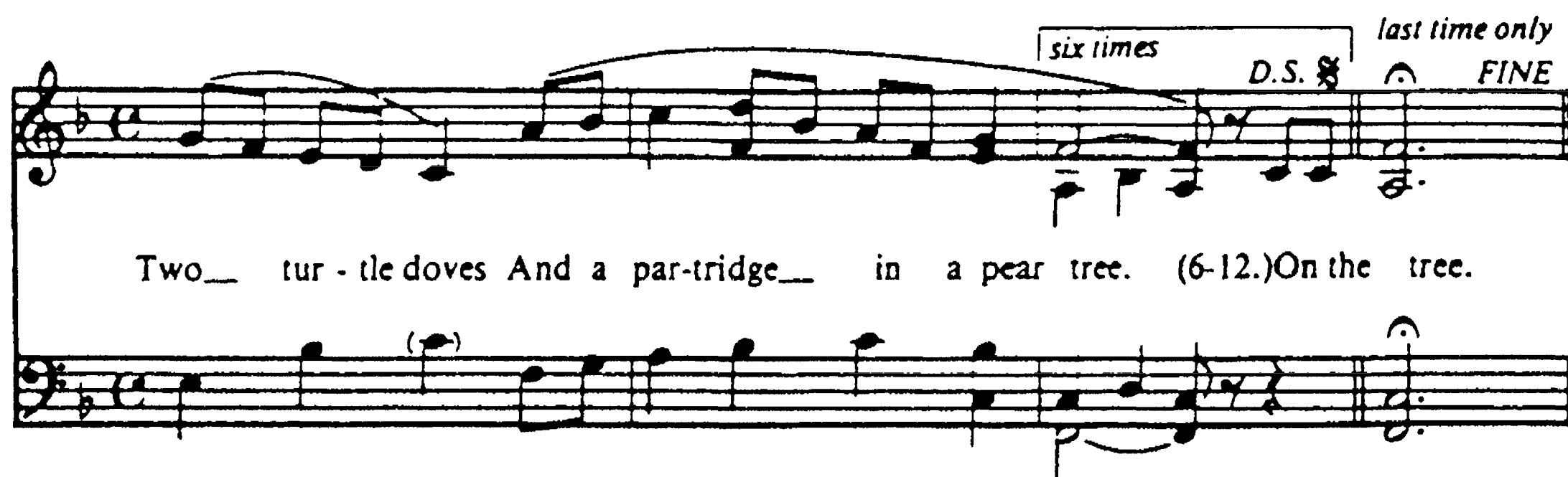


sixth day of Christ-mas my true love sent to me
sev-enth day
eighth day
ninth day
tenth day
e-lev-enth day
twelfth day

six geese a - lay - ing,
sev-en swans a - swim-ming, (to 6)
eight maids a - milk-ing, (to 7)
nine drum-mers drum-ming, (to 8)
ten pip - ers pip - ing, (to 9)
e-lev-en la-dies danc-ing, (to 10)
twelve lords a-leap-ing, (to 11)



Five gold rings, Four col - ly birds, Three French hens,



Two tur - tle doves And a par-tridge in a pear tree. (6-12.) On the tree.

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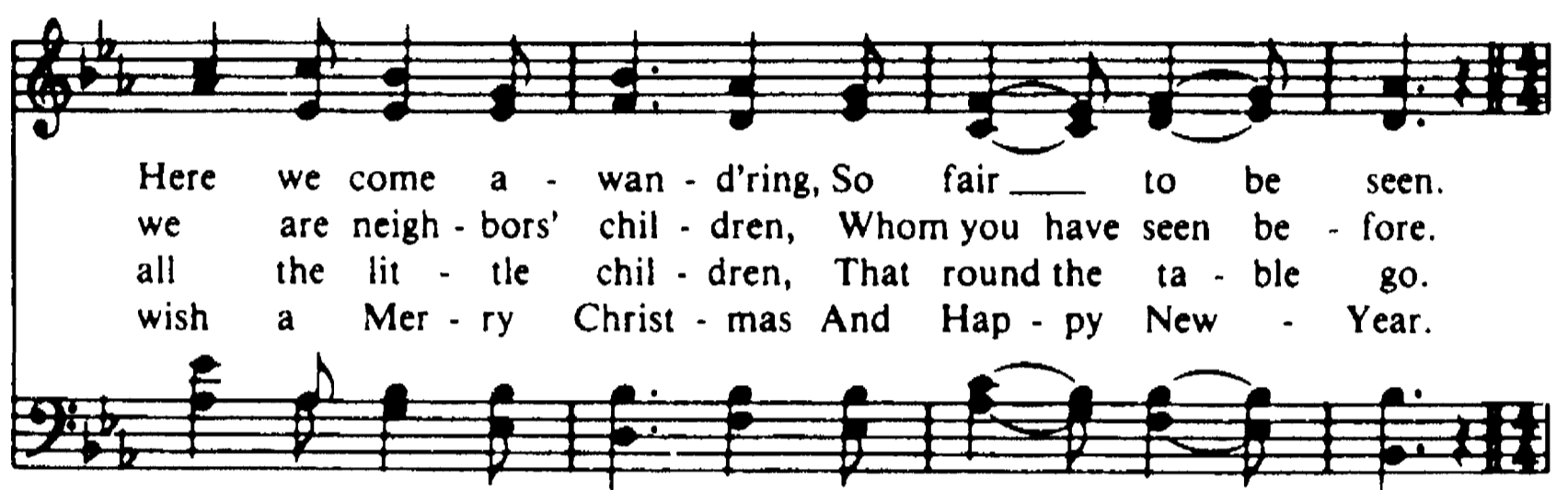
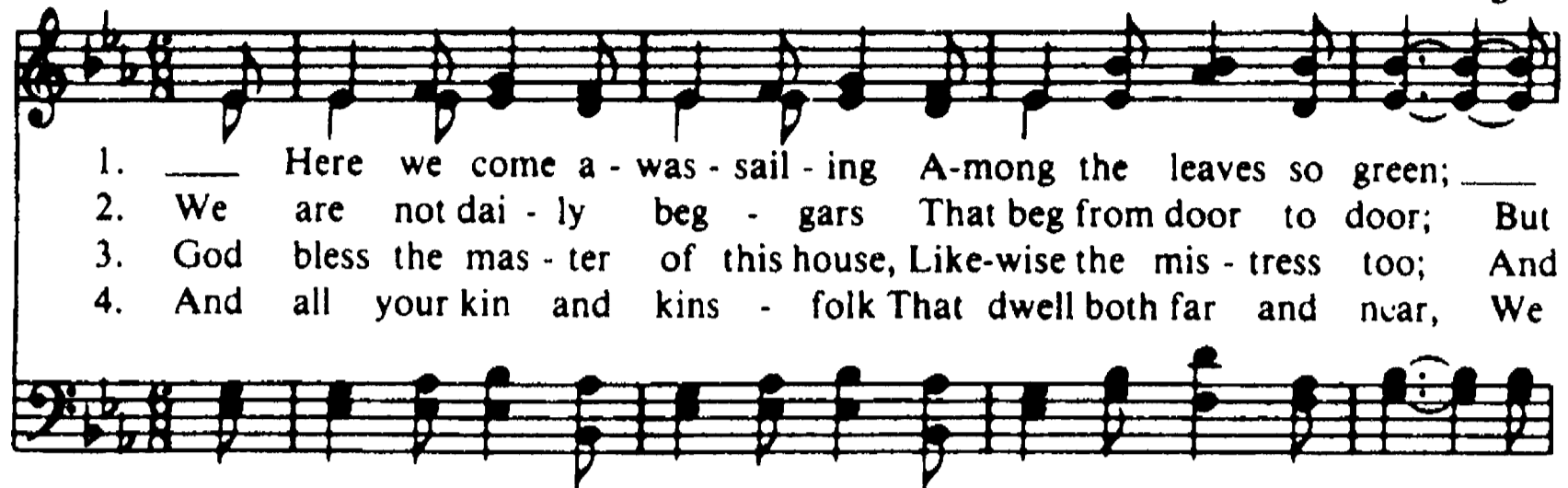
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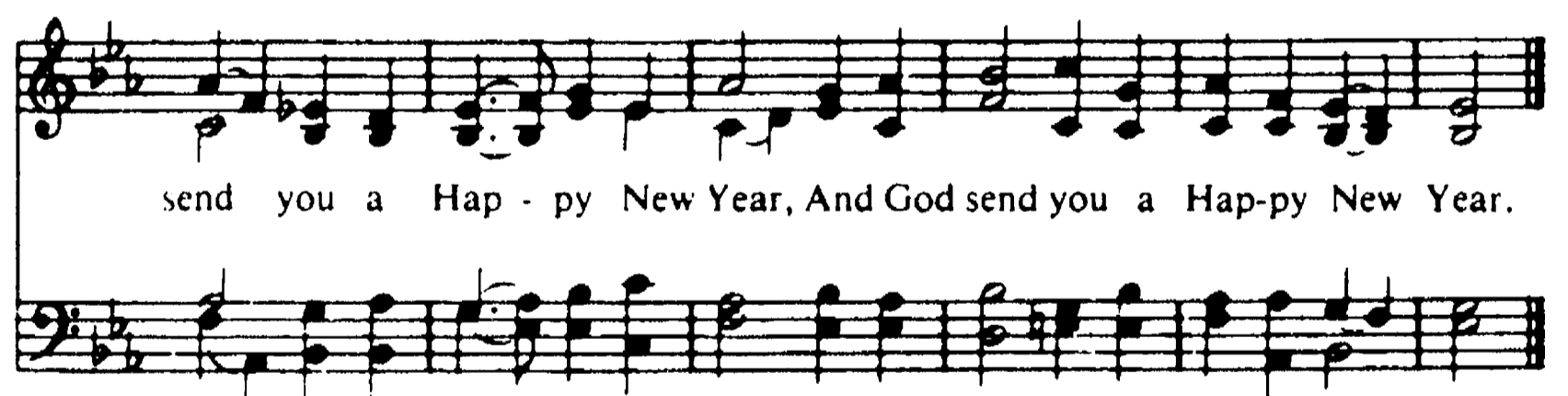
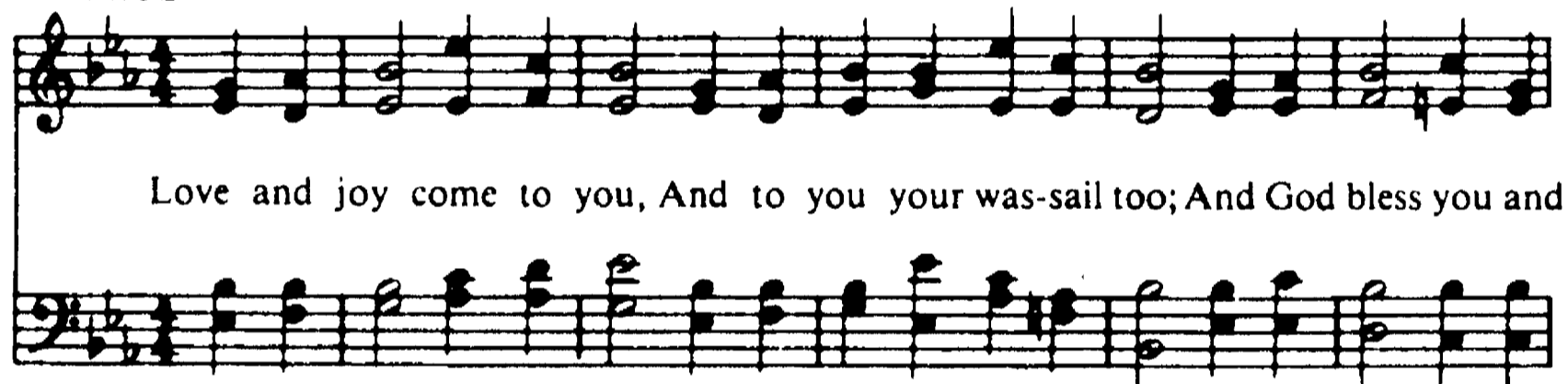
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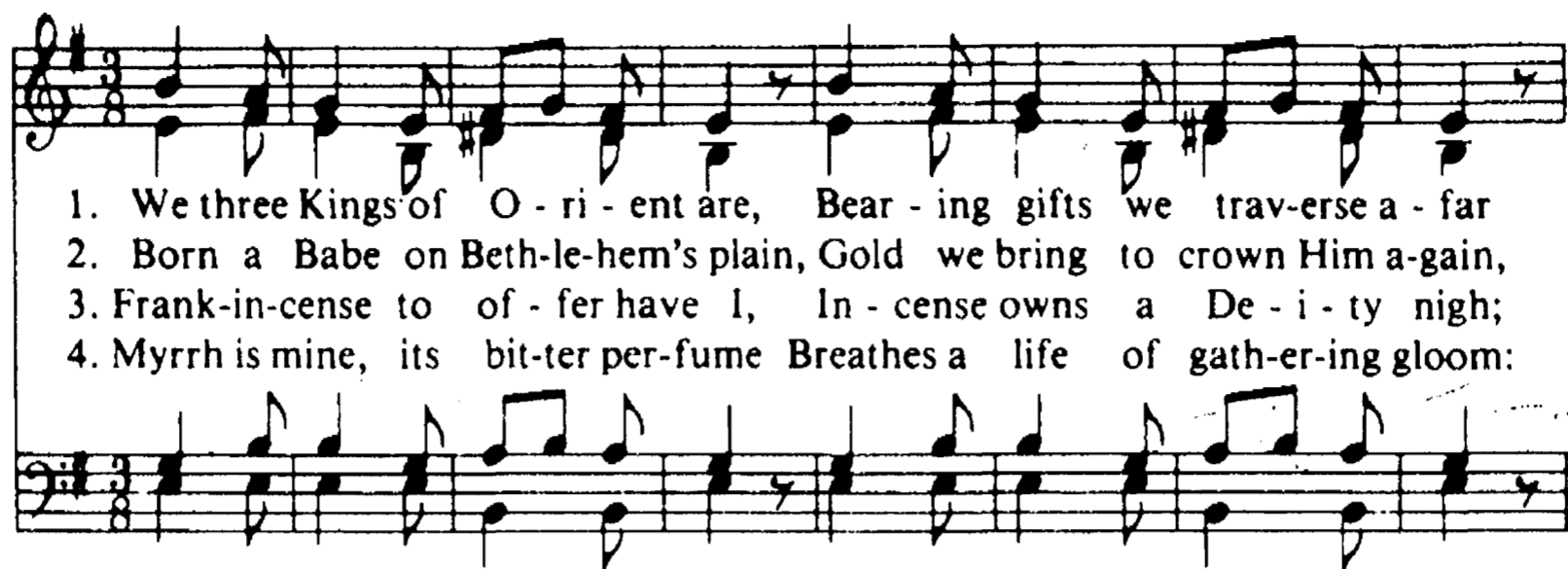
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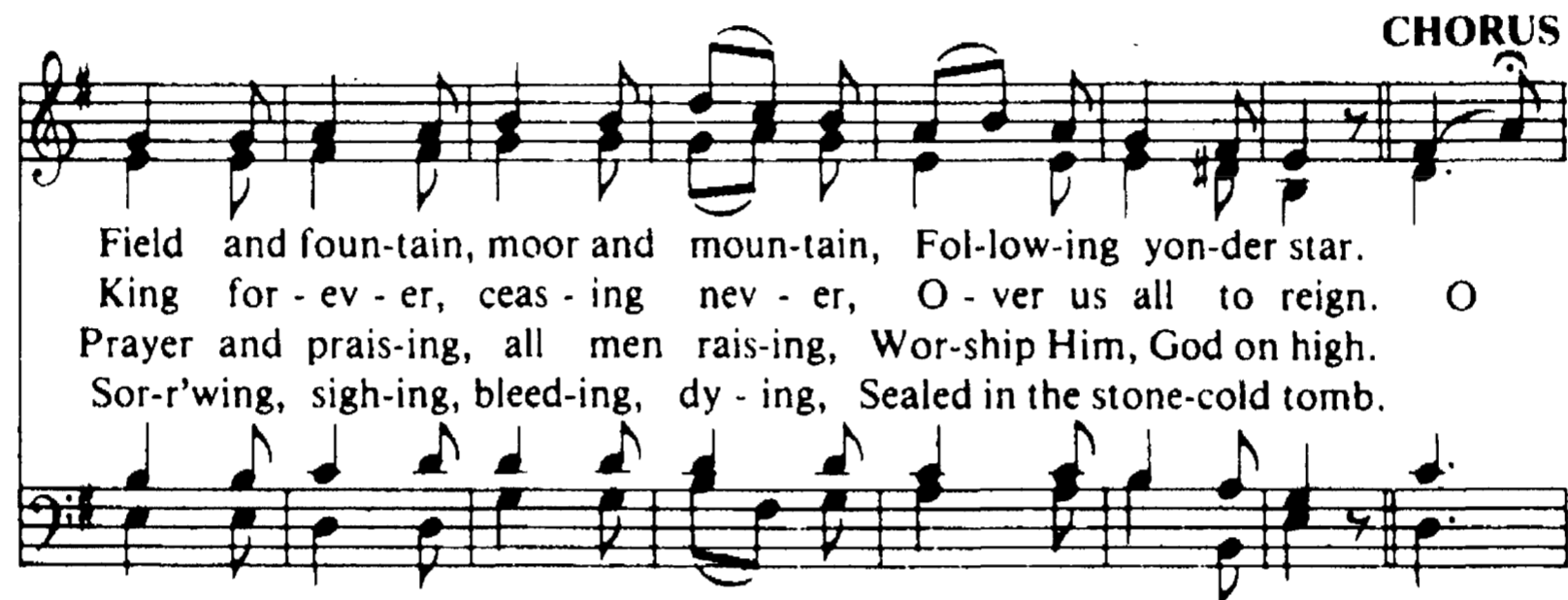
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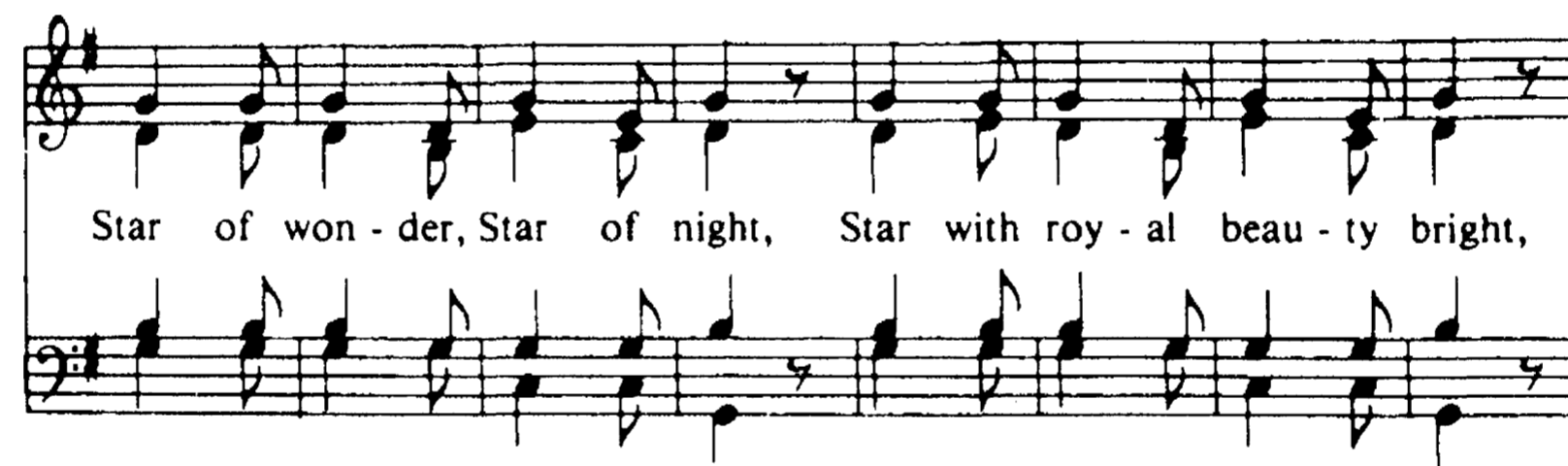
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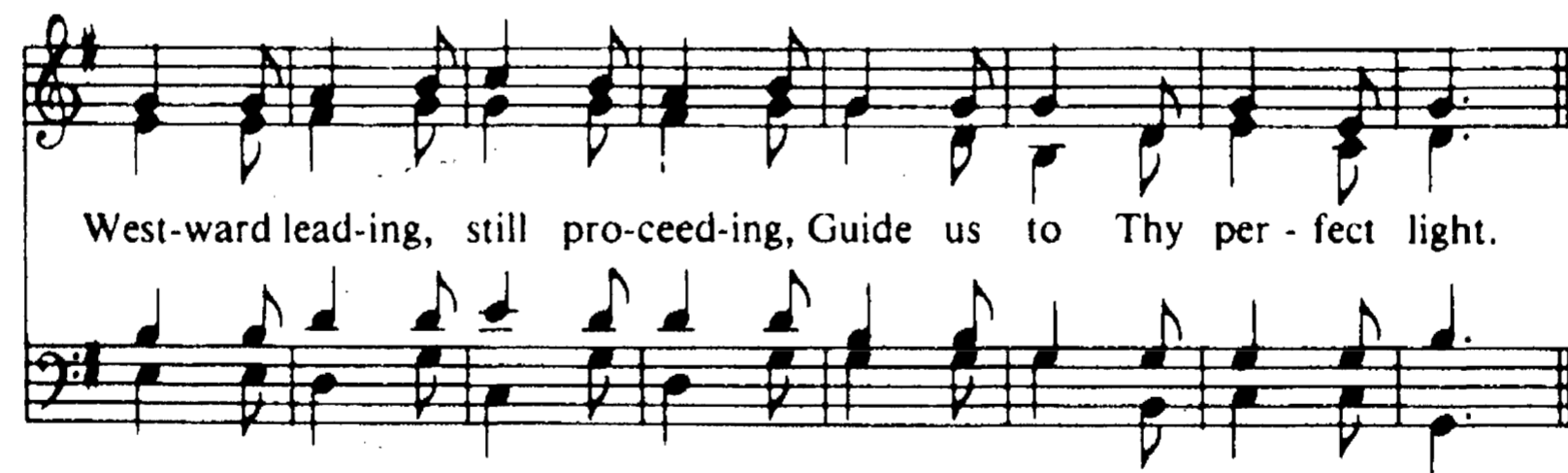
1. We three Kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far
2. Born a Babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:



CHORUS
Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign. O
Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.



Star of won - der, Star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light.

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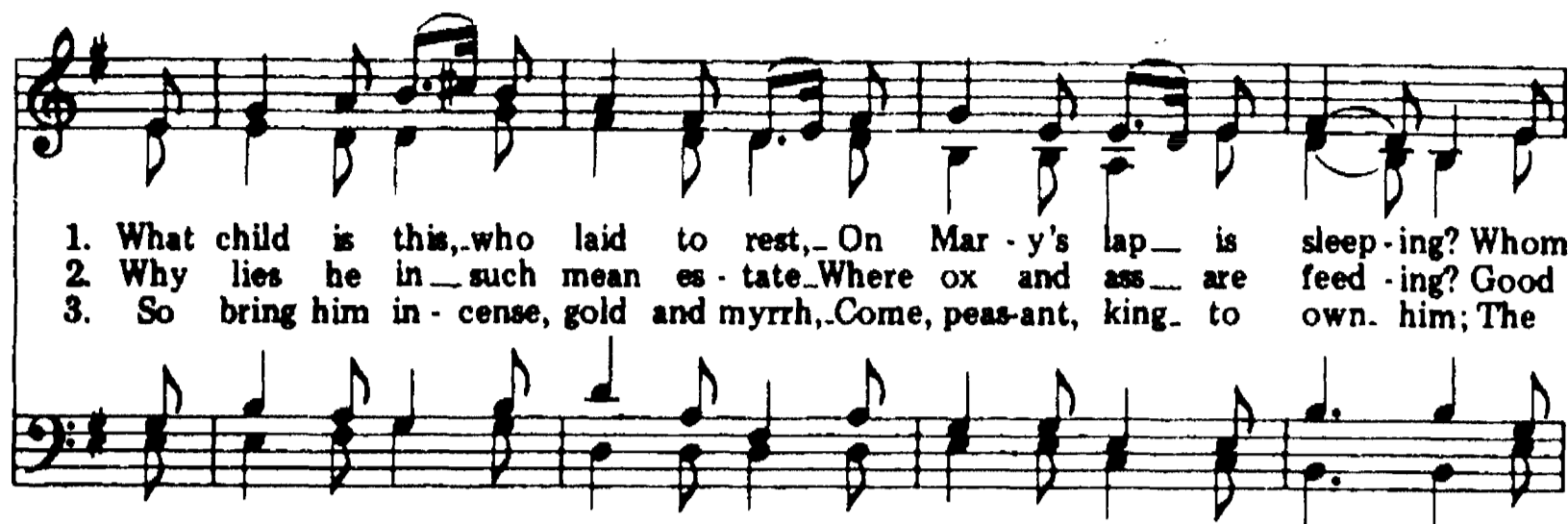
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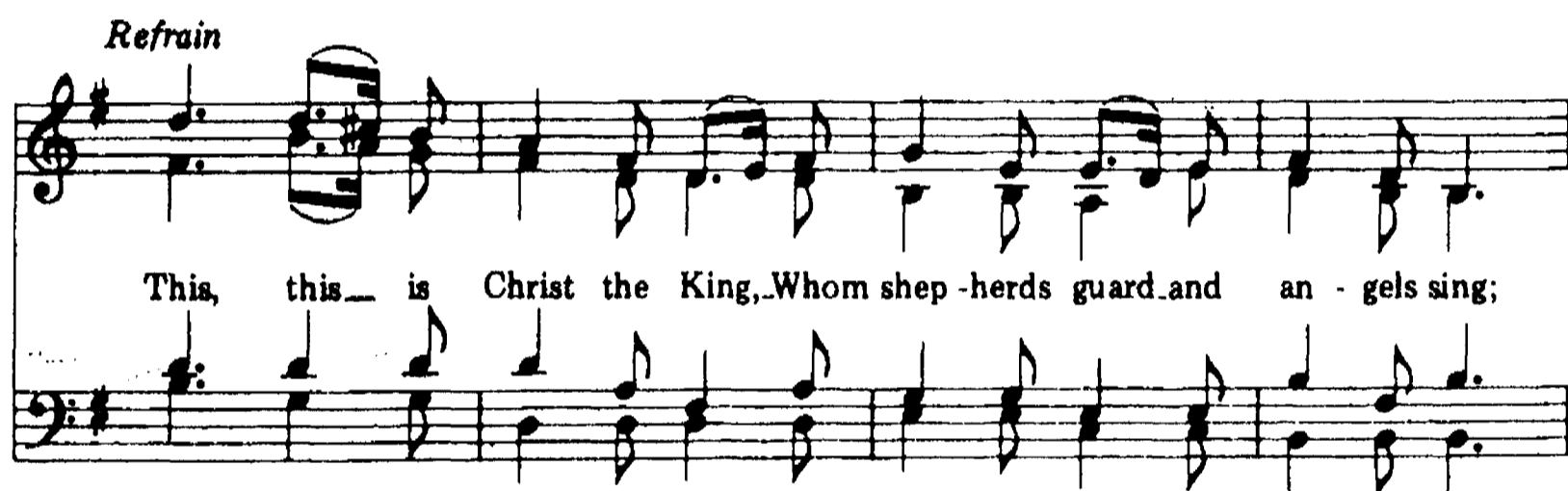


1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing? Whom
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing? Good
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come, peas-ant, king to own him; The

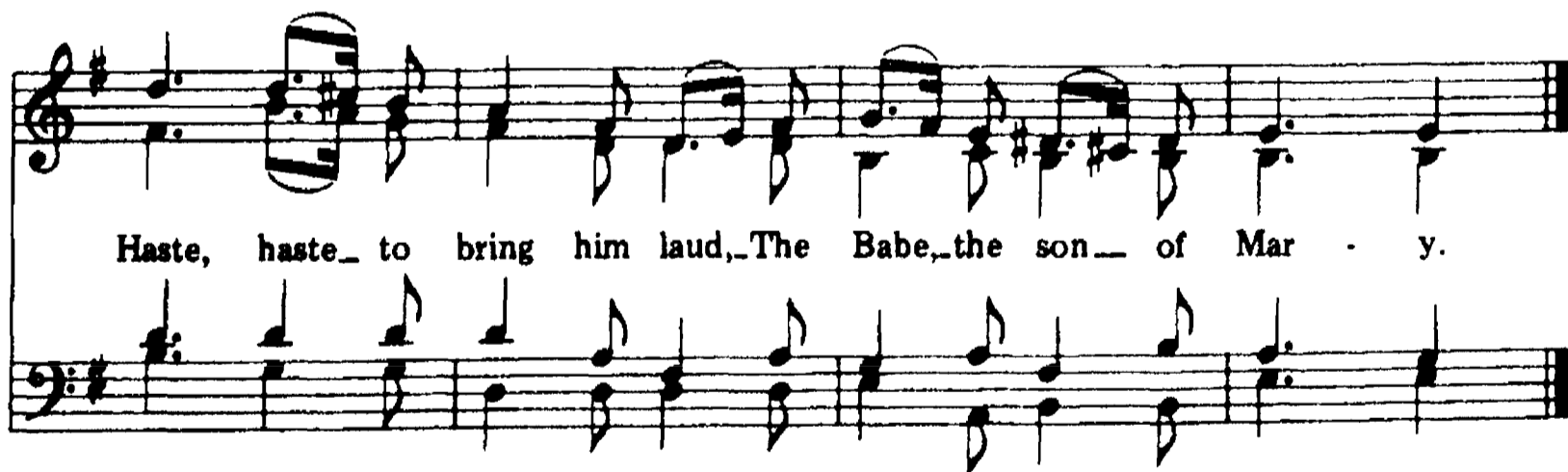


1. an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
2. Chris-tian, fear for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the son of Mar - y.



From all of us to
all of you,
May your
Holidays
be joyous.



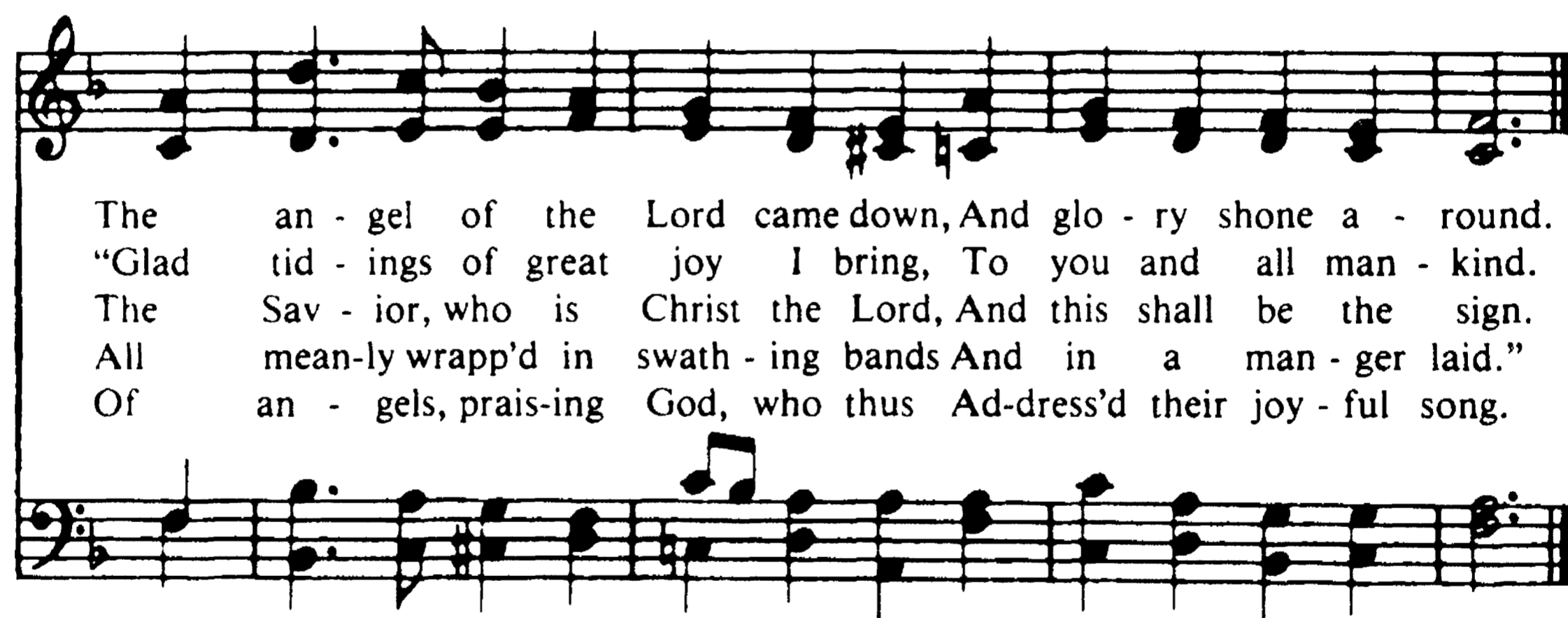
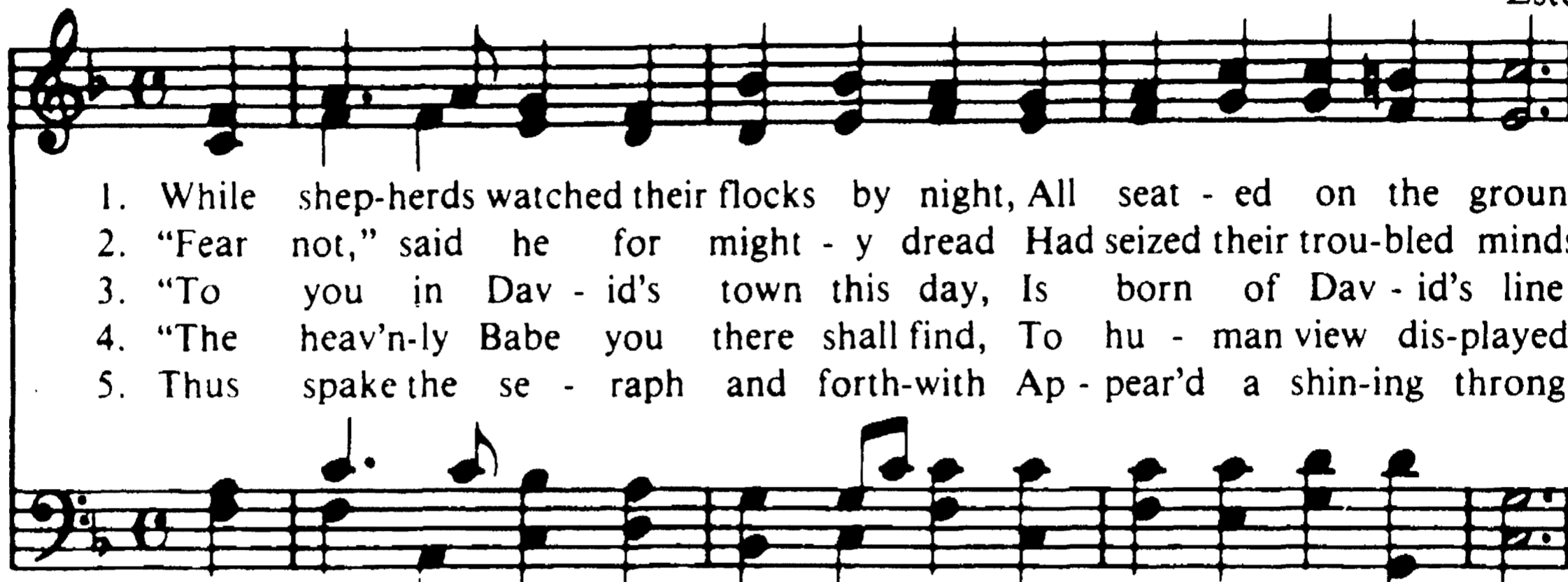
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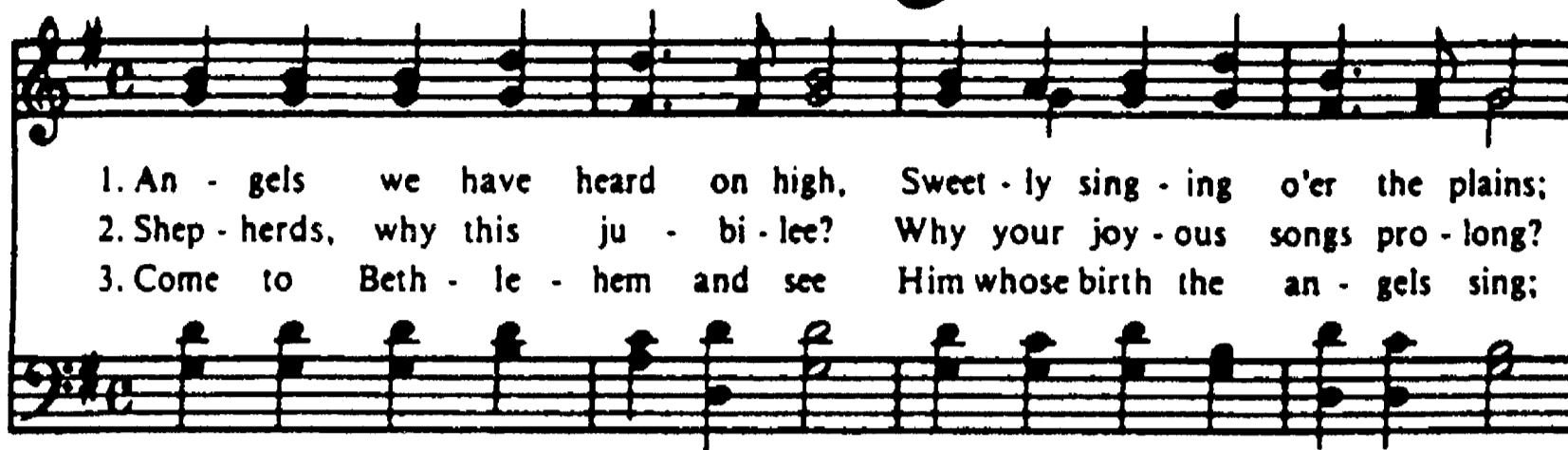
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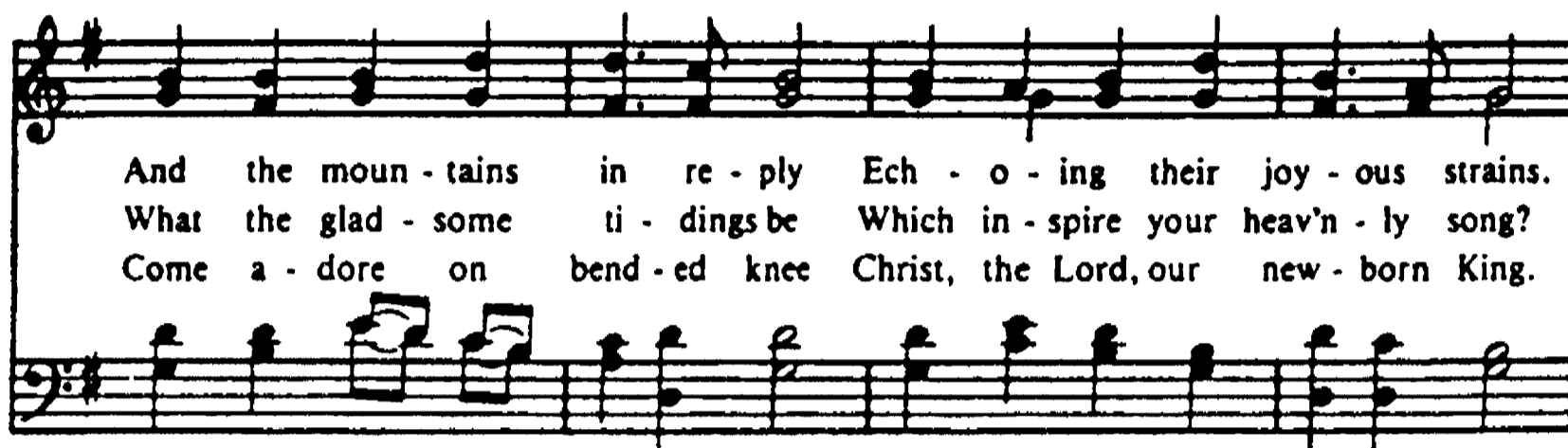
Angels We Have Heard On High

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1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains;
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous songs pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



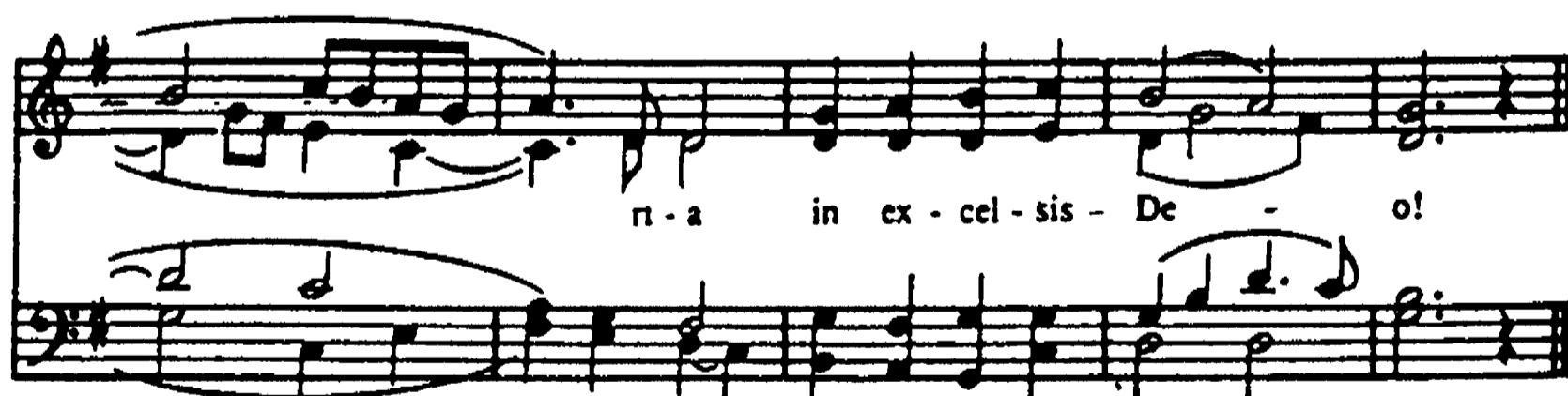
And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, our new - born King.



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